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Bronze statue • Model of boat

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Prufer clarinet & music stand

Child's Graco swing

Like-new crib • Spinning wheel

"Rip Stick" skate board

Floor loom w/4 pedals

Pair of brass prism lamps

Pair of vases • 3 large trunks

Cedar blanket chest

Pair of tall brass table lamps

Table with magazine rack by Arthur Umanoff

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8 Norman Rockwell commemorative plates

Quilt rack • Armoire

Pine drop-leaf table • Tea cart

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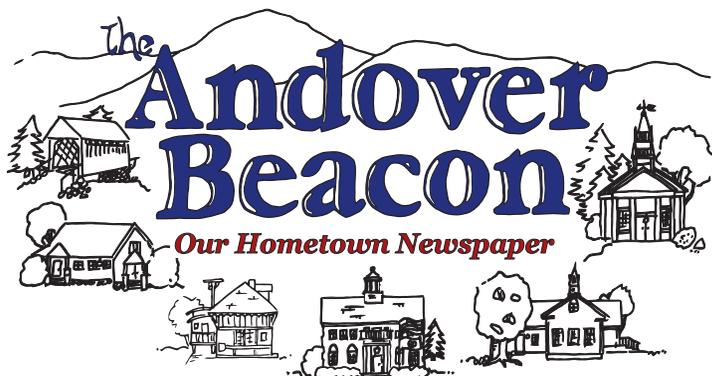
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## Beacon's Annual Canvassing Drive is Coming in October

Donate by September 30 and no one will call

By Charlie Darling, *Beacon* staff

A year ago, the *Beacon's* Board of Directors set the following goal:

To increase community donations to the *Beacon* to the point where about 650 Andover households donate every year.

Why? Because after almost 10 years, the *Beacon* still isn't financially sustainable. To get there is going to require about 650 households donating to the *Beacon* every year. That level of support from the community should put the *Beacon* on a stable and sustainable financial footing so it can continue serving Andover long into the future.



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To reach that goal, the Board of Directors decided last year to begin a direct, person-to-person canvassing campaign each fall. Last year's October canvassing



was very successful – it increased the number of households donating from 200 in 2012 to 350 in 2013! That increase makes up about a third of the shortfall we're trying to eliminate.

Of course we can't stop there, so we need another very successful canvassing campaign this year. Here's how you can help:

- Consider being a canvasser for the *Beacon* this year. You'll get to pick which of your friends and neighbors you contact, and you can contact them by phone, by e-mail, by mail, at church, at the dump – whatever works best for you!

- If you haven't donated to the *Beacon* See Canvassing on page 2



This weather map at noon on July 4 pretty much tells the story of the Fourth of July, 2014 in Andover. Instead of sweeping through from west to east as it normally would, this line of rain set up from Philadelphia to Maine and didn't budge all day. The parade, the music, and the ceremonies on the Village Green were all cancelled; vendor turnout for the Flea Market was very sparse. The Andover Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, the libraries' annual Book Sale, and the Firecracker 5K footrace all proceeded as planned. Fortunately, the storm cleared out by the next day, and the fireworks went off as scheduled on the evening of the fifth.

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The Hannibal family took first prize in the Highland Lake Boat Parade with their pontoon boat decorated as a giant shark, complete with a wide-open jaw and wagging tail fin. Photo: Earle Davis

## Highland Lake Moves July Fourth to the Fifth

Word-of-mouth made the switch work

By Earle Davis, HPLA

Due to the mighty rains on the Fourth of July, two of the Highland Lake Protective Association's (HPLA) annual events were simply postponed until sunny but windy Saturday, July 5.

Without opportunity to publicize the change, HPLA members informed area residents primarily by word of mouth. And like Paul Revere warning of the British invasion, member Jenna Davis took it upon herself to be escorted around the shoreline in a boat on the fifth, shouting to the busy beachfronts: "The Boat Parade is at 4 o'clock today, and the flares at 9 tonight! Oh, and Happy Fowath!"

There were about eight entrants in the parade, who bobbed around in a stiff wind and waves to loud and enthusiastic applause from the shore. The Boat Parade winner this year was the Hannibal

family who decorated their pontoon boat as a giant shark, complete with a wide open jaw and wagging tail fin.

One highlight of the Boat Parade was a fully dressed Uncle Sam who – in full regalia, hat and all – dove (or more like belly-flopped) off his float to rescue a straw hat, to the cheers and applause of Highland Lake's northern cove crowd.

At 7 PM, the HPLA's Ice Cream Social commenced at the East Andover Fire Station to appreciative customers, happy to be enjoying a delicious sundae in the setting sun of a pleasant and dry evening. And right on schedule at 9 PM, a generous combination of traditional flares and solar flares lit up sections of Highland's shoreline, which was a nice lead-in to a number of area private fireworks displays visible from the lake.

Despite the wet start and slight delays, the holiday weekend was a great success for participants, residents, and the HPLA, and we thank everyone who supported the events.

## Paving Projects Planned for Routes 11 and 127

Repairs on the Mount Kearsarge fire tower, too

Press release

Executive Councilor Colin Van Ostern's office reports that on July 16, the New Hampshire Executive Council "approved new paving and rehabilitation projects for roughly 195 miles of New Hampshire roads and bridges, funded by the recent bipartisan vote in the legislature to increase the gasoline tax for the first time since 1991."

Among the many road projects approved across the state are New Hamp-

shire Route 11 in Franklin and Andover and New Hampshire Route 127 in Salisbury and Franklin. The Council also authorized repair work at the Mount Kearsarge fire tower.

### Canvassing from page 1

yet in 2014, please do so right away. The fewer people we have to canvass, the better for everyone! You can mail us a check, or you can donate online at [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com).

• Use social media to remind your friends and neighbors that "It's Up to All of Us to Help Keep the Beacon Going!" Just share [AndoverBeacon.com/All-of-Us](http://AndoverBeacon.com/All-of-Us), which is a good explanation of why all this matters so much.

If you could take action on any or all of these important steps, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same, we can all help keep the Beacon going. Thank you!



Tiffany Poulin, Chelsea Thompson, Amanda Dukette, and Alyssa Demers were all dressed up in special custom t-shirts for an Andover One Wheelers reunion ride in the Fourth of July parade this year, but the weather didn't cooperate. Photo: Sheree Miller

## Andover One Wheelers Reunion Ride Moved to 2015

They were ready on the Fourth, but ...

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

Plans were made, t-shirts were ordered, unicycles were tuned up, the truck was decorated, the music was ready, and the riders had been practicing.

Many community members noted and agreed that the Andover Fourth of July Parade, although always wonderful, had been missing a group the last couple years. It has been a long time tradition for the Andover One Wheelers (AOW) to perform some routines on Lawrence Street and then participate in their hometown parade. However, the team has been without a coach the last couple years and parades were no longer a regular event for them.

The One Wheelers have traveled extensively in past years; the Bahamas, Florida, West Virginia, New York City, Kansas, Arizona, California, Washington, D.C., and more. But I think all the riders will agree that the most important and special event for all is the Andover Fourth of July Parade. Nothing compares to performing in front of enthusiastic and proud family members and friends on Main Street, Andover.

Many riders from past years had planned to ride and walk in the parade this year. Interest and excitement was evident among the alumni. Unicycle skills were still there! Riders who hadn't mounted a unicycle in years were able to take right off and still balance well. There were practice laps around the gym. Younger students had the chance to watch riders from the original AOW team ride, laugh, and reminisce. Children saw their parents ride for the first time. It was a lot of fun!

Thank you to all the adults who worked behind the scenes preparing for the Reunion Ride. Many hours were spent blowing up tires, straightening seats, tuning up the sound system, locating decorations, contacting past One Wheelers, and coordinating the music.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't co-

operate and the AOW reunion ride will need to wait until July 4, 2015. Look for the AOW coaches, walkers, unicyclists, and supporters on Independence Day next year.



## Despite the Rain, Firecracker 5K was a Big Success

AE/MS students design this year's t-shirt

By Brian Reynolds, Firecracker 5K

The Andover Firecracker 5K foot-race on the Northern Rail Trail has enjoyed a history of great weather. Some years have been hot, but it has never really rained on the race itself.

This year, the law of averages caught up with us. The excitement started on Thursday night, when the parade and other outdoor activities on the Village Green were cancelled because of the weather forecast.

Calls and messages started coming in from our pre-registered runners, wondering if the race were going to be held. There was never any doubt we would have the race; runners are a hardy bunch, and the forecast was for scattered showers

in the morning.

We didn't want to let the people who trained specifically for this race down.

The race has become quite a tradition. See Firecracker on page 5



Michael Miano (#38), from Yonkers and a staff member at Elbo-Edge in Andover, was among those setting the pace on the way out during the Firecracker 5K race on the Fourth of July. Michael went on to win the race with a time of 16:39. Photo: Bill Bardsley

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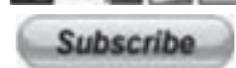
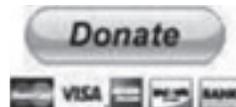
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## Experts Discuss Cancer Rates in New Hampshire

Results for Andover to be reported in the fall

**Press release**

On June 6, citizens of Andover gathered in the Town Hall to hear a panel of experts discuss cancer rates in New Hampshire, how the data is collected for research, possible causes of cancer, and what is being done in terms of awareness, prevention, and education. We have requested the New Hampshire cancer epidemiologist, GM Monawar Hosain, MD, PhD, to look into cancer incidence in Andover in response to citizen concern.

Cancer data is already collected very thoroughly by the New Hampshire state cancer registry through legally-mandated hospital reporting, and the cancer registry also receives information from neighboring states. But if people are concerned that their cancer may not have been included in the registry (for example, if their cancer was treated

only in a central or west coast state, but not in a New Hampshire hospital), they are welcome to call the state to self-report. (Please note that Dr. Hosain cannot provide information back to the public about specific cases.)

Note: This is not a request to report other people's cancers, but a choice that an individual may make about reporting their own diagnosis. This would involve contacting Dr. Hosain to provide brief details about the cancer and where and when it was diagnosed. Dr. Hosain can be reached directly at gm.hosain@dhhs.state.nh.us or call 271-7812.

These calls are strictly voluntary, and the decision to disclose this information is strictly voluntary. The rates of cancer in the Andover region will be presented in a meeting this fall.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the content of the first panel, please feel free to call Vicky Mishcon at 735-6402 or Cindy Benson at 321-9231.

## Senator Ayotte's Office to Visit Andover

Wednesday, August 6, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM

**Press release**

A member of US Senator Kelly Ayotte's staff will hold office hours at the Town Hall in Andover on Wednesday, August 6, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

"New Hampshire residents who are looking for help dealing with the federal government shouldn't hesitate to contact me. I believe strongly that the citizens of our state deserve quality, efficient constituent services, and I will strive to deliver nothing less," said Senator Ayotte.

## Firecracker from page 3

for many families on the Fourth, coming from all over: New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, South Carolina, Maine, Ohio, Missouri, Utah, Arizona, and of course from all over New Hampshire. All told, we had 113 runners toe the line.

This year we introduced what I hope will be an annual tradition of a new t-shirt designed by students at AE/MS. We held a contest in May for kids to design shirts, with the winners getting entry into the race, their t-shirt, and being the race starter.

We had three winners chosen, and their designs were combined into the final product. The winners were Wyatt Carleton, Maura Kelly, and Sophia Reynolds. Their winning designs were combined into an amazing t-shirt. The individual designs also served as our mile markers along the course.

The shirt was a big hit, and I was told on multiple occasions that people will register early to try to get next year's shirt. Thank you to Jane Slayton and Mike Wiley at AE/MS for running the contest.

Shortly after 9 AM, Wyatt, Maura, and Sophia sent the runners on their way in a light rain. This year, the race was dominated by the 13 to 19 age group, with seven of the top 10 finishes.

Our overall winner was Michael Miano of Yonkers, New York in a time of 16:39. He was closely followed by Walker John from Boscawen (16:44) and Marc Roy of Northfield (16:50). All of them are in the 13 to 19 age group.

The women's race was won by Kristie Schofield of Loudon in a time of 20:17. Rounding out the top three women were Amy Makechnie of Andover (22:33) and Emily Miano of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania (22:38).

For complete race results, visit [AndoverBeacon.com/Firecracker-5K-2014](http://AndoverBeacon.com/Firecracker-5K-2014).

The Firecracker 5K footrace supports the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Andover and has become a primary fund raiser for both groups. It couldn't happen without help from many volunteers and the scouts themselves. Special thanks to the volunteers at registration for super-human efforts in registering more than half the race in 30 minutes: Amy Rheaume, Amy Makechnie, Robin Davis, and Kathy Bennett.

Thank you to the brave water station volunteers who stood in the rain and horseflies: Sarah Lester, Maryn Barrett, Mychal Reynolds, and Samantha Parkman. Thank you to the Boy Scouts for coming out to set up and take down the start/finish and mile markers, and to the scout leaders: Doug Bent, Jim Reed, and Chris Buswell for helping pull it all together on race day.

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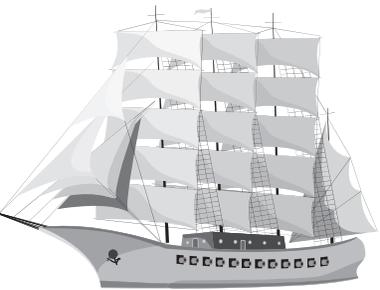
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## Letters

### Don't Take the Fourth for Granted

There was a TV commercial in the 1970s that said, "You can't fool Mother Nature." She fooled us on the Fourth of July 2014. Due to the rains associated with Hurricane Arthur, this year's parade and outdoor events on the Village Green had to be canceled.

Andover is very fortunate to have a rich history when it comes to celebrating the Fourth of July, which is now the traditional name for Independence Day. Andover residents, their families and friends, and countless others enjoy an annual celebration of a great parade, band concerts, a flea market, the library book sale, raffles, pie sales, a great fireworks display, and the list goes on and on.

These events do not just magically come together. We are very fortunate to have a few individuals who are dedicated to the town's traditional celebration, and they work tirelessly throughout the year to make it happen. As disappointed as we all were when weather forced the cancellation, I'm sure they were disappointed, frustrated, and disillusioned.

Let this be a reminder. It is very easy to take things for granted, and we now know what it would be like without our annual celebration. So let's all do three things:

- Remember to appreciate our freedom, not just on the Fourth, but every day.
- Thank the Fourth of July Committee for their dedication and hard work.
- Make a commitment to the Committee to help in whatever way we can to assist with the 2015 celebration.

Let's look forward to next year's Fourth of July!

*Maaj Roy*

### A Transforming Experience

It is pretty much always a good thing to feel beautiful and healthy-looking on both the inside and the outside.

Sometimes, depending on what is going on in our busy lives, it just isn't easy or natural to feel anything other than tired, worn out, and not so beautiful. I think we forget to take care of ourselves much of the time.

Recently, I was feeling my age to the maximum! I was in a time of transition and felt overwhelmed by many things go-

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ing on.

How terrible it was to look into the mirror and wonder who was that tired and worn-out woman looking back at me?

Thank goodness for friends and their loving suggestions: let's go walking, mani-pedi, highlights, a new haircut, waxing, herb garden, meet for tea?

Some of these suggestions come easily to me, and some not so much. But I felt that I was on the right track.

It feels so good now to look in the mirror and like who is looking back at me for all the outer change and corresponding inner glow.

I am very thankful to Mary Meier, Megan Barton, and Holly Noyes at Andover's New Horizons Hairstylists. These three amazing local stylists gave me back my confidence with a sassy new haircut, highlights, and waxing. These amazing and talented women serve their clients well.

I will always be thankful for a fabulous, transformational experience!

*Terry Stoecker*

The mission of *The Andover Beacon* is to serve and strengthen the Andover community. To that end, we welcome civil, reasoned letters addressing specifically local issues, events, and developments. Submissions must not be critical of another's religion; blasphemous; obscene; hateful; legally objectionable; or commercial in nature. The *Beacon* reserves the right to edit or not publish submissions it deems inappropriate for any reason.



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## Andrew Hosmer Reports from Concord

### Bipartisan compromise leads to meaningful legislation

By Andrew Hosmer  
NH state senator

When I ran for the New Hampshire Senate, I wanted to bring common-sense business principles to Concord. To me, that means working with both parties to solve problems; being careful with taxpayers' money; and focusing on things people really care about, such as economic growth and job creation, instead of getting caught in tired partisan battles.

As this biennium closes, I am happy to report that we have made progress. Real change has come to Concord. I've been happy to see bi-partisan compromise and to be a part of passing meaningful legislation that moves New Hampshire forward.

Beginning in 2013, I worked with my colleagues to modernize New Hampshire's corporate law, making it easier to create businesses and spur job growth. I also partnered with my Republican colleagues to double and make permanent the Research and Development Tax Credit program.

With strong bi-partisan support, I co-sponsored a bill to protect restaurants and other service industry enterprises from higher taxes on tipped wages. I also worked with a Republican colleague to streamline complex regulations by combining several different permits into one, thus saving time and expense for businesses, while keeping all of the same environmental protections in place.

Perhaps our biggest accomplishment in the first session was unanimously

passing a balanced and fiscally responsible budget. This budget addressed our growing mental health crisis and the needs of our community colleges and universities and shored up the needs of our state police.

During the second year of the session, I sponsored and co-sponsored legislation that streamlined, and in some cases eliminated, unnecessary state regulations. These business-friendly legislative successes have made it easier for businesses to settle and grow in New Hampshire.

Instrumental in creating a strong economy is investing in New Hampshire's transportation infrastructure, which was also accomplished this session. I also sponsored legislation strengthening New Hampshire's domestic violence laws, which was long overdue.

Perhaps the most significant bi-partisan accomplishment was the passage of the New Hampshire Health Protection Act, which not only extends healthcare coverage to 50,000 hard-working Granite Staters, but also includes cost saving and personal responsibility reforms.

These accomplishments were made possible through bi-partisan compromise – compromise that elevated the needs of our state's citizens above partisan politics. I'm proud of the work we did, and I believe this work will result in a stronger economy, a stronger state, and stronger communities.

*Senator Andrew Hosmer is the state Senator from District 7, serving the towns of Andover, Belmont, Boscawren, Canterbury, Gilford, Northfield, Salisbury, and Webster and the cities of Franklin and Laconia.*

## Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord: August 2014

\$25 million in surplus so far this year

By Mario Ratzki  
NH state representative

Few battles were fought in Concord last month, as the legislature is on vacation, but at home I have been waging war against a foreign invader, the dreaded Japanese beetle.

A few good things happened in our state, however. One, a modest surplus of almost \$6 million, was achieved in the month of June, making the total surplus \$25 million so far this year. Second, our neighbor to the north, Canada, has expressed interest in expanding their aerospace industry here in New Hampshire. We already have about 300 aerospace and defense industries here, and the average pay in these companies is a whopping \$98,000 a year! So welcome, *bienvenue*, Canada.

Mother Nature delivered a nasty blow to our Andover Fourth of July cel-

ebration. Our volunteers were ready to go: the Fourth of July Committee, the Andover Lions, the Andover Service Club, and all the other local organizations who make our Fourth of July the great event that it is. But it was not to be.

The washout of the Fourth of July has put a significant dent in the annual fundraising for many local clubs and organizations. I urge everyone to send contributions to them to make up that shortfall.

In local business news, Julie Rector at Bear Hollow Trading Post has two spaces for rent. Call her at 977-0083.

A few events not to miss in August:

- Danbury Town-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, August 2, from 8 AM to 2 PM.
- Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 3, in Potter Place.
- Salisbury ice cream social (and pet parade!) on Friday, August 8.
- Salisbury Old Home Day on Saturday, August 9.

I am always available at 735-5440 or [MarioRatzki@gmail.com](mailto:MarioRatzki@gmail.com).



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## Online Tax and Motor Vehicle Payments Gaining

Town Clerk's office closed on Labor Day

By Joanna Sumner  
Town Clerk and Tax Collector

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day. We will be open as usual for the rest of the week.

### Tax Revenue

I have done a comparison of this year's tax revenue with that of 2013. By June 30, 2013, we had collected a total of \$639,344 in tax revenue. This is made up of principal, \$590,434; interest and penalties, \$30,707; and unassigned credits (taxes paid in advance), \$18,201.

At the end of June 2014, we had collected \$662,158, which is made up of principal, \$597,273; interest, \$36,463; and unassigned credits, \$28,422. These

figures indicate that collections remain fairly constant from year to year.

### Town Clerk Revenue

I also like to look at the revenue we bring in on the Town Clerk side of the office. This year at the end of June, our revenue was \$195,502, compared to \$186,711 in 2013. The bulk of this came from vehicle registrations, at \$190,821.

We have registered 262 new vehicles, 1,396 vehicle renewals, and 68 boats.

### Online Payments

More and more of Andover's residents are using our online payment services at Andover.NH.us. So far this year we have processed 54 motor vehicle registrations for a total of \$9,855 and 17 tax payments for a total of \$31,996.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer!



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## Agendas for Selectmen Meetings in August

August 18 meeting moved to August 25

By Jim Danforth  
Board of Selectmen

### August 4

- Review, revise, and update Transfer Station rules
- Contract for property assessment services; review and approve bid documents
- Review the 2014 budget to date, and address issues
- Meeting with a representative of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association

August 25 (moved from the 18th)

- Review fees charged by the Town
- Meet with members of the Budget Committee; agree to deadlines, meeting dates, and public hearing dates
- Assign warrant articles for the 2015 Town Meeting
  - To accept Johnson Lane as a Town road
  - To accept Church Street as a Town road
  - Wind generation ordinance
  - Lease Town property to the Andover Horseshoe Club
  - Senior Exemptions, if they require adjustment

## Selectmen to Hold Public Hearing on Cable and Fiber Optic Service

Opinions and ideas welcome on August 4

By Jim Danforth, Board of Selectmen

On Monday, August 4, at 8 PM the Andover Board of Selectmen will be holding a public hearing at Town Hall on cable/fiber optic service in the Town of Andover. If you have:

- A compliment or a complaint to share
- Concerns about the latest rate increase by Comcast
- Opinions regarding the installation

of fiber optic cable by TDS

- Other issues with cable/fiber optic service in Andover

then please plan to attend this public hearing. The Andover Board of Selectmen invites you to come and share your opinions and ideas.

The Board is also seeking persons interested in serving on the Andover Cable TV Committee.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, please stop by Town Hall and pick up a form on which you can make your voice heard.

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## Buying an Outboard? Consider Water Quality

### Cleaner-burning outboards protect lakes

#### By the Andover Conservation Commission

In July, the Beacon published the second of a three-part series in which the Andover Conservation Commission answers questions about what residents and visitors can do to help preserve our lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. In this final article of the series, the focus is on lake-friendly boating and recreation – that is, “best practices” while on the water.

**Q:** I want to buy a new outboard motor or replace an old one. Any advice?

**A:** Low-pollution four-cycle and two-cycle direct fuel injection outboard motors reduce toxic air emissions and reduce the release of gasoline into waterways. Using these cleaner-burning engines will help protect New Hampshire’s air and water quality while reducing your fuel costs. Though these engines may cost more up front, they provide many economic and environmental benefits, since they:

- burn 35% to 50% less gas
- use up to 50% less oil
- reduce air emissions by 75%
- reduce the amount of gas released into water bodies
- are much quieter

(This information, and much of what follows, comes with permission from the booklet Help Protect New Hampshire’s Lakes: A Guide to Wise Lake and Watershed Stewardship, published by the New Hampshire Lakes non-profit organization and available at [AndoverBeacon.com/Lake\\_Friendly](http://AndoverBeacon.com/Lake_Friendly).)

#### Motorboat Operation

**Q:** Some tips for motorboat operation, care and maintenance, please.

**A:** few simple “rules of the road” to remember and observe:

Operate away from shallow areas. Motors can churn up sediment on lake bottoms, which leads to phosphorus being re-suspended in the water, which leads to algal growth and decreased water clarity. Motors can also fragment exotic plants, potentially causing new areas of infestation as the fragments spread to other parts of the lake. Also, wildlife may be frightened away from their homes and nests by noisy motors.

Eliminate unnecessary idling. It pollutes the air and water, and wasted fuel can be expensive.

Don’t operate within 150 feet of the shore at greater than headway speed, or 6 miles per hour. Not only is it illegal, but wakes can erode the shoreline and damage wildlife habitat.

#### Care and Maintenance

As for care and maintenance tips that impact air and water quality, here are the rules to remember:

Keep your engine well-tuned, and routinely check for fuel leaks.

Avoid overfilling fuel tanks. Use a funnel or a spout with an automatic stop device to prevent overfilling the gas tank.

Avoid pumping any bilge water with an oily sheen. Use absorbent pads in the bilge area that capture or digest oil, and dispose of or recycle this material properly.

Wash boat hulls by hand out of the water, using non-toxic and phosphorus-free detergents and cleaning products. If possible, use natural cleansers such as baking soda or lemon juice. And don’t discharge rinse water into surface waters or storm drains.

#### Invasive Species

**Q:** What about helping to control the spread of invasive or exotic species?

**A:** Exotic or invasive plants – species not native to New Hampshire – often proliferate more rapidly than native vegetation, allowing them to take over a water body. Native aquatic plants, on the other hand, are vital to a healthy lake or pond; their growth is regulated by natural controls including predators and other environmental factors.

Exotic species can also be animals. The zebra mussel is an example of an exotic animal that is not yet found in New Hampshire, but is expected in the future. For more information, visit [AndoverBeacon.com/Zebra-Mussels](http://AndoverBeacon.com/Zebra-Mussels).

Other exotic plants are found in more than 70 water bodies in the state, though none have been identified in Andover. Exotic species infestations make recreation in and on the water dangerous and unpleasant, disrupt the ecological balance of lakes, reduce shoreline property values, and are difficult and costly to control. Exotic species also pose a threat to many native species and valuable wildlife habitats.

You can help prevent exotic species from spreading by following these tips:

Always check your boat, motor, trailer, vehicle, fishing lures, bait buckets, and other gear for hitchhiking plants before entering and after leaving any water body.

Remove all plants attached to your boat, vehicle, or gear. Don’t throw plant fragments back into the water or leave them where they can wash back into the lake.

Dry, burn, or compost (away from water) unwanted aquarium plants.

Stay away from areas designated as “Restricted Use Areas,” which may indicate small, contained exotic species infestations.

Observe signs posted by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at public boat launches indicating whether the water body has an exotic species infestation.

For more information about the New Hampshire Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act, visit [AndoverBeacon.com/Shoreland\\_Protection](http://AndoverBeacon.com/Shoreland_Protection).

## POLICE BLOTTER

The Andover Police Department responded to 246 calls from June 15 to July 14. Here is a partial breakdown:

- Assist citizens: 3
- Assist motorist: 1
- Assist police: 4
- Burglary: 2
- Business check: 9
- Case follow-up: 4
- Domestic dispute: 2
- House check: 34
- Pistol permit: 4
- Property found: 3
- Road hazard: 2

- Suspicious person, vehicle, or incident: 4
- Theft: 5
- Traffic accident: 3
- Traffic offense warning: 112
- Warrant: 4

#### Arrests

- Christine Kierstead, 33, Andover, fugitive from justice
- Tristan McNeel, 17, Andover, simple assault
- Glenn Rayno, 53, Wilmot, willful concealment, two counts of theft
- Walter Hosmer, 26, Franklin, bail jumping



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## Sustainability Study Under Way at AE/MS

Kitchen equipment got immediate attention

By the Andover School Board

Marinace Architects representatives have now been over and under and around every area of the Andover Elementary/Middle School to gain a respect for the present building and its site in the town center.

The School District Meeting last March provided funds for a sustainability study, not the replacement of present school buildings or change of location.

Patches of the past to the school's infrastructure need replacement or improvement. Examples are the insulation blown in over the original building and the drop ceilings installed in 1979 for energy savings.

Electrical and mechanical engineering studies have been conducted, and suggestions are expected in those areas.

Marinace Architects representatives have assisted in replacing some kitchen

equipment which was an immediate need this summer.

As they conducted a survey of AE/MS staff, they have met with enthusiastic comments such as, "It's about time" that improvements were given value and order.

Education has received the attention of many legislators since the original building was built. The lowest birth-rate in the United States occurred in 1933. Sages of education such as Alfred North Whitehead recommended language, arts, and music, as learning aids and math, science, and engineering to move the next generation out of the Depression.

History has a way of repeating itself, as we see this approach recurring. The major change has been brought about by legislative attention to produce many mandates that must be met that affect education facilities and surrounding areas. These are all being included in study.

## Maintaining Andover's Rural and Scenic Character

August 20 talk on creating conservation easements

Press release

Do you value the scenic rural character of Andover and other small towns in the Kearsarge/Sunapee region? Would you like to consider helping to maintain that character for future generations?

If you've answered yes, please join Andy Deegan, land protection specialist at the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 20, in Andover's Town Hall for a presentation about preserving and permanently protecting local farms, forests, streams and wetlands, and the undeveloped "open spaces" that provide a public benefit such as water quality.

The presentation is open to the public at no charge. Refreshments will be available.

Andy's presentation, entitled "Saving the IrrePLACEable," and a following question-and-answer discussion will focus on how conservation easements, land donations, bargain sales, Current Use tax assessments, and other land protection methods can be used to benefit both the property owner and the community. Andy will also explain how ASLPT can assist in evaluating alternatives and implementing property owners' decisions.

The presentation is being sponsored by the Andover Conservation Commission. According to Mary Anne Broshek, Conservation Commission chair, "The people of Andover have benefited greatly from the generosity of past conserva-

tion easement donors, and we continue to be grateful for their contributions. We look forward to working with others who want to learn more about protecting and preserving their properties."

Andy, the August 20 speaker, has been an ASLPT staff member since



Andy Deegan, Land Protection Specialist with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, will talk about conservation easements on Wednesday, August 20, at 7 PM in the Town Hall. Photo: Larry Chase

2008. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Rhode Island and a law degree from Vermont Law School. In addition to his land protection work, he and his wife Carrie, a staff member at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, are well known locally for their interest and expertise in dragonfly behavior and for their public "dragonfly appreciation events" held each summer.

ASLPT's mission is "helping to preserve the rural landscape of the Mount Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region." Its focus is on Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot.

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# TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Board Of Selectmen

April 7

*Condensed from approved minutes*

Present: Selectmen Danforth, Viandier, and Coolidge, Town Administrator (TA) Marj Roy, and member of the public Leonard Caron.

Diane Frechette, Real Estate Appraiser from the Municipal and Property Division of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), presented the Board with packets of information explaining the revaluation process and the applicable state laws. She explained that her office sends yellow postcards to residents whose property is to be visited. Residents may call and opt out.

Diane will notify the Police Department and the Town Office when state assessors are in town.

Diane explained some of the finer points of the state assessment process:

- The inventory of building permits is coordinated with Avitar.
- Sheds are assessed by DRA and should be noted on the property card even if there is no value.
- If a building permit does not match the property card, a report goes to Avitar, and they can go back to measure and correct.
- Interior Work: Exemption, Religious and Charitable Exemptions, Current Use Form 12, Tax maps – acreage: card versus tax map.
- Reports go to Avitar, and they have 30 days to respond. The report is then sent to the Town.
- All reports go to Assessing Standards Board.
- Revaluation will not be complete until 2015, when the equalization ratio study is complete.
- Equalization median rate should be between 90% and 110%. Andover's median rate is 117.23%. This rate is determined by using assessment amounts over sales amounts.
- Our high-end homes are, according to the 117.23%, under-assessed. Waterfront properties affect this.

Town Administrator Roy will develop written instructions for finding information on the tax maps and the coordinating binders.

**Building Permits:** What is the Town's plan for finding violations?

Any assessing contract should go through DRA's David Cornell before any assessing is begun.

**Assessing Standards Board:** established after the "Claremont case."

### Emergency Management

The Board appointed Jane Hubbard as the Emergency Management Director. Ed Becker has served in this position for many years, but resigned effective March 31, 2014. Thank you, Ed, for your years of service.

Town Administrator Roy and Jane Hubbard have reviewed information from the State of New Hampshire about a new Emergency Notification System that is similar to reverse 911. The system does not automatically include cell phones, however inclusion is possible upon request. This type of notification system is used in case of any town-wide emergency, localized emergency, and is especially effective when used for Amber alerts.

Town Administrator Roy and Jane Hubbard will meet Friday to discuss the remaining paperwork to be done on a previous grant.

### Road Agent

Road Agent John Thompson reports that wash-outs and holes are being patched. A spot on Old College Road and a spot on Tucker Mountain Road have required work.

Selectman Danforth asked if John had any work proposal forms to present. John said he was unaware of the forms, so had none to present. The Board explained that the forms were given to John and discussed at the previous meeting.

Town Administrator Roy clarified that the daily work sheets are still used by the  
See Selectmen on page 12

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

- Town Office:** Mon-Thu 9-2  
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  
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- Andover Library:**  
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- Bachelor Library:**  
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- 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 Fire Department:**  
1st Monday, business, 7  
Other Mondays, training, 7
- Andover EMS:** 2nd Tue, 7  
East Andover Fire Station
- School Board:** 1st Tue (except July  
and August), 6:30, AE/MS

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### AUGUST

- 4: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 4: Fire Dept Business Meeting, 7
- 6: Fourth of July Committee, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 9: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12
- 12: Planning Board, 7
- 12: Andover EMS, East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 12: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7
- 13: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 18: Fire Department Training, 7
- 19: Building Permits, 6-7
- 19: Zoning Board, 7
- 25: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 26: Building Permits, 6-7
- 26: Planning Board, 7

### SEPTEMBER

- 1: Fire Dept Business Meeting, 7
- 2: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 2: Building Permits, 6-7
- 2: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 9: Building Permits, 6-7
- 9: Planning Board, 7
- 9: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7
- 9: Andover EMS, East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 10: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 13: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12
- 15: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 15: Fire Department Training, 7
- 16: Building Permits, 6-7
- 16: Zoning Board, 7
- 18: Library Trustees, 7
- 23: Building Permits, 6-7
- 23: Planning Board, 7
- 30: Building Permits, 6-7

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### SELECTMEN'S MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Board of Selectmen's meeting originally scheduled for August 18 has been postponed until August 25.

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Road Agent and go through the vendor payables. She showed John the proposal form and explained there is a second sheet that is signed by the Road Agent when a project is completed. The town administrator then signs the form, authorizing the bookkeeper to process the invoice.

John asked what the difference is between routine maintenance and a project. The Board stated that anything other than routine maintenance is considered a project and requires prior approval from the Selectmen. Examples of projects are: crack-sealing, sweeping, and major brush cutting.

The Road Agent stated that in his opinion, routine maintenance includes grading, patching, adding gravel, water storm-cleaning culverts; cutting ditches in a rain storm. Coolidge: things that need attention immediately.

Selectman Danforth explained that the purpose of the proposal forms is twofold: It indicates specific work done on each road, as required by law, and helps with budget maintenance and forecasting.

Town Administrator Roy showed John the proposal forms. John reported that he had not kept track of materials removed from the site at the Transfer Station but would calculate that and submit a report to Town Administrator Roy.

John discussed a proposal form he has developed that would be used for work that is not routine maintenance or emergency situations. He will give the

proposal to TA Roy who will distribute to the Board at their next work session or scheduled meeting.

Selectman Danforth stated that an agreed-upon price needs to be set to keep track of inventory items – raw materials. This will indicate net savings by not purchasing from another source.

Board explained that this system was set up with Jon Champagne and recommended that Thompson talk with Champagne for a better understanding.

Thompson questioned the process for the proposal forms. Major jobs that are not maintenance are authorized by the Board. The Board actually signs off before the work is done.

Champagne prepared budget for what he wanted to do as projects and maintenance.

The Board reported that the summer budget for materials will be reduced by the amount needed to maintain \$50,000 for plowing.

Selectman Danforth expressed concern that the balance in the Cilleyville-Bog Bridge Fund is less than \$800. He asked if the Andover Historical Society might fund future needs or if the request for funding would go back to Town.

The Road Agent stated that the Cilleyville-Bog Bridge is not a Road Agent priority and reminded the Board that the Town doesn't have access from either end of the bridge.

Selectman Danforth expressed concern about the drainage problem on Valley Road and asked if the Town and

the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail have agreed upon a solution.

The Board asked the Road Agent to list work that is allowed on Scenic Roads.

**Cemetery Trustees**

Robin Boynton reported that the Cemetery Trustees have an organizational meeting scheduled for next Monday evening. Robin expressed that she was off-put by the late invitation to this evening's meeting. She reminded everyone that the Trustees are volunteers who all work full-time jobs.

The Board is trying to empower committees but need to determine roles. It was agreed that the Cemetery Trustees are responsible for maintenance and supervision. Cemetery Trustees are satisfied with the current maintenance provider and at the very least want that provider included in the bid process.

**Other Business**

Howard Proctor came to the Board on behalf of himself and the others who use Town waterfront properties on Highland Lake Channel. These properties were taken by the Town when the owners did not want to pay the taxes. The usage fee was supposed to be a proportion of the assessed value.

The Board stated that currently the few who use this land are not paying proportional amounts. Also, some of the people who use the land do not even own property across the street.

The Board feels this is an issue of fairness. There are things that could be looked at, but it is probably premature to look into that right now. The Department of Environmental Services will need to be involved. If we need to come up with a solution for you, we could discuss that before a boat went into the water.

Howard stated that he and Jack Manning would be willing to buy the properties. This would have to go to Town Meeting. The Town's insurance carrier, PLT-New Hampshire, determines what insurance the lessee is required to carry.

Andy Guptill, a member of the public, stated that the previous Road Agent committed to doing Switch Road. Andy thinks there is enough money in the Highway Projects Capital Reserve Fund to do this. The Town has no idea when the Department of Transportation will tell us they are ready to do the Lawrence Street Bridge or what the ac-

tual amount due from the Town will be.

The Board is going to look at what the optimum road plan would be. The Town will then decide what will be done and how much will be spent.

The Planning Board is responsible for the Capital Improvement Plan. This is usually created by a sub-committee of the Planning Board.

The Board entered non-public session for 10 minutes.

TA Roy will contact former Selectman Vicky Mishcon for details regarding Ragged Mountain LLC's expansion effect on Andover, especially the effect of increased lighting.

Note to Tina Cotton requesting from TDS a list of those who will not be served.

**April 21**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

Present: Selectmen Danforth and Viandier; Richard Powers, John Thompson, Becky Dobretz, Red Soucy, Town Administrator (TA) Marj Roy.

Richard Powers proposed that the Town take back Johnson Lane. This will allow the Town access to the Cilleyville-Bog Bridge. Selectman Danforth will notify the Planning Board. The Planning Board will notify abutters, and the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing as required by state law.

Lenny Caron joined the meeting.

**Road Agent**

Road Agent John Thompson reported that street sweeping has begun. A few intersections have been swept, and grading of some dirt road began today.

John proposed an hourly rate of \$60 per hour for a one-ton truck. The current rate is \$45 per hour. John Thompson that Jon Champagne explained to him that at the time the \$45 rate was developed, the Town was paying operators.

Selectman Danforth stated that the Town has budgeted according to work being bid upon, and the Town's insurance company will not write Workers' Compensation Insurance for the road crew because there is no full-time supervisor.

The Board voted to adjust the hourly rate for a one-ton truck from \$45 to \$60.

Selectman Danforth reported that he is working on obtaining an F250 truck

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Chaffee Park at Highland Lake on June 8 and a clean-up and implementation event there on June 15. She suggested signage at the far end of the beach to eliminate boat moorings. The Town Administrator will order new and longer floats to reach the far end of the beach. The Selectmen asked that she contact the chairperson to verify that new floats and ropes were included in the Recreation Department's budget as requested by the Selectmen last summer.

The boundary line at the far end of the beach needs to be determined and delineated and an enforceable ordinance needs to be adopted to make enforcement possible. Sandra Graves asked if the Selectmen can request of the State that speed be reduced outside the buoys.

**May 19**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Selectpersons Coolidge, Danforth, and Viandier; Town Administrator Roy; Mark Stetson of Avitar; Stephan Hamilton of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA).

Stephan Hamilton, Director of the Municipal/Property Division at New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration came to the Board at Mark Stetson's request.

Mr. Hamilton received a report from Avitar that there was a misunderstanding on the part of the Town regarding a requirement that all towns must change

assessing companies every five years. Mr. Hamilton explained that there is no recommendation from the DRA that towns must contract with a new assessing firm at any time.

The Board reported to Mr. Hamilton that when here for a Pre-Assessment Review Meeting on April 7, Diane Frechette from the Department of Revenue Municipal-Property Division had, during the course of conversation, told the Board that "fresh eyes are always a good idea."

Mr. Hamilton reported that the tritown assessing unit in Newbury, New London, and Sunapee has the common bond of Lake Sunapee. This is considered an inter-municipal cooperative.

Other groups have thought about putting together that type of agreement but have then taken pause because there is such obligation for each town. There are special statutes for engaging and disengaging in this type of arrangement.

Mr. Hamilton indicated that assessment reviews can be found on the Department of Revenue Administration Web site. There is little room for difference in interpretation. Statutes around charitable or religious exemptions are clear. The Selectmen are the assessing officials for the town, and that type of determination will be made by them. Recommendations come from the assessing firm, but the Selectmen have the final decisions.

Update on the update: Mark Stetson reported that preliminary notices will be going out to every taxpayer within

the next two weeks. These notices will state the new overall assessments and will offer taxpayers an opportunity to meet with the assessors if they wish to discuss their new assessment amount.

**Road Agent's Report**

Road Agent John Thompson has done the bridge inspections and will present a separate report for each bridge.

John reported that a large section of Beech Hill Road washed out Friday night. His crew worked on repairs there all day and will finish tomorrow morning.

There is only \$9,981 remaining in the plowing budget. There needs to be \$50,000 in case of heavy snow between November and January.

Richard Powers and Connie Powers are willing to give Johnson Lane back to the Town. The Board feels this would be advantageous to the Town as it gives access to Cilleyville-Bog Bridge.

John reported that an engineer should be hired before changing the status of Dodge Lane. There are drainage issues that may involve the Department of Environmental Services, fiber optic cable is present, and guardrail is needed.

John reported that an engineer should inspect Switch Road for percolation rate, water tables, etc. The potential use of recharge basins there should also be evaluated.

It would be cost effective to have the engineer do as many inspections as possible at the same time. Lou Caron worked with the town previously. The town's purchasing policy will determine the need for bidding or request for information.

The Town administrator will contact Immaculate Conception about the possibility and implications of the Town continuing to plow Church Street. Letters will also be sent to residents on Dodge Lane and Johnson Lane. The Board will discuss these streets at the June 16 meeting and will invite residents who live on those roads.

If the Town offers the plowing of private roads, no profit can be made, but fees need to cover the cost, because no taxpayer money can be spent on private roads.

The Board stated that the Town is already plowing some private roads (historically), so fairness must be applied.

The Road Agent said that he thinks that the Town should concentrate on Town roads before attempting to take

care of private roads.

The Road Agent reported that approximately 40% of the street sweeping has been completed.

**EMS**

John Kinney: Andover was awarded a LUCAS device, which is an automated chest compression unit. This device never tires and allows steady compressions when IVs are put in, patients are moved, etc.

Cardiac monitors use wave form capnography to gauge a patient's condition in a cardiac emergency, as well as the effectiveness of the treatment being administered. This technology will soon be required for emergency medical services, and our current unit does not provide the technology. A new unit will be approximately \$30,000.

Even if our paramedics aren't available, we have paramedic gear on board, and any paramedic who steps in to assist can use the equipment because it is standard.

Transport cost depends on whether care is Basic, Basic Emergency, Advanced Trauma Life Support, or Advanced Trauma Life Support 4. The billing company determines cost based on the care data that has been entered in the Tempis system. Paper checks come to the Town. Electronic payments are deposited into the Town's bank account.

Mutual aid is typically used for fires, but does apply for Emergency Medical Services. This type of aid is necessary when there is more than one patient.

Our Emergency Medical Service is staffed by volunteers, and many of them work out of town. There are times when no one is available to respond to a call. When Franklin covers for us in those situations, it is not mutual aid. There has, in the past, been talk of entering into a contract, but the cost was prohibitive and the contract was for only six months. Soon after this, volunteerism increased, and the need for coverage was not as critical.

However, volunteerism ebbs and flows, and we have been in a needy position. Kevin LaChapelle, Franklin Fire Chief, and John Kinney have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding that stipulates a charge from Franklin to Andover of \$100 per hour for ambulance response. The bill will be generated only if Franklin's ambulance has crossed over Town roads before attempting to take

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the town line before Andover signs on to respond to the call. Franklin will charge a one hour minimum.

The average call is anticipated to be \$350 to \$400. If Franklin does the transport, they will bill Andover for coverage and re-staffing their fire station. Franklin will bill the patient. Andover required Franklin's service five times in 2013.

Franklin wants Andover to pay if the patient does not pay the bill. When you take on the responsibility of emergency medicine in your town, you realize that some people cannot pay, and some debt will have to be written off. It would be worthwhile to consider a worst case scenario call that could cost as much as \$1,800.

The run forms at Lakes Region Dispatch will be changed if the Memorandum of Understanding is approved. The start time will be programmed into the computer so that Franklin is toned when Andover is. Response time is critical. The current nine minutes is not acceptable.

**Police Department**

Chief Laramie: The oldest cruiser will be advertised for bid in the July issue of the Beacon. The new cruiser should be delivered on June 6.

Selectman Danforth made a motion to authorize Chairperson Coolidge to sign the renewal form for the 2014-2015 Property/Liability Insurance coverage.

The Board discussed a buyout of the Bobcat lease. The Town Administrator will contact GE Capital. The amount of the buyout would be \$15,000.

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association (LSRVNA): Selectman Danforth reported the LSRVNA is willing to talk to the Board about extended services. The Town Administrator will call Scott Farby to set up a meeting with the Board.

**June 2**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

Selectman Coolidge wished Rita Kaulbach well. Rita was seriously injured in an accident over the weekend.

**Road Agent's Report**

John Thompson clearly stated that he does not have any financial interest or partnership in Mark E. Thompson Excavating.

John met with Sue Raymond and Bill Mock regarding the problem with

the Town's equipment turning around in their driveway. The Mock's have offered the Town a piece of property across the street from their house to be used as a turn-around.

There was much discussion regarding a billing situation that has arisen. The Board reiterated that the Procurement Policy is to be used by all departments. John stated again that he should not have to ask permission (financial) to do routine maintenance work. Selectperson Viandier suggested creating an annual calendar that indicated when and what maintenance is done routinely.

John presented a check that was paid to Jeff Miller last Friday. It appears that there was an overpayment of \$60. The Town Administrator stated that upon review, a check will be reissued tomorrow if necessary.

**Transfer Station**

Reggie Roy reported that he has obtained a quote of \$628 from Atlantic Recycling for a chute on the south side of the single stream compactor. The Selectmen authorized the quote.

The amount of cardboard going into the single stream compactor is taking up a lot of room. Reggie questioned whether or not baling the cardboard would be more cost efficient.

Carlson Locksmith is going to provide a quote for bolt cutter resistant chain to go through locks.

The Board approved a "Request for Agenda Items" that was submitted by the Town Administrator. This form will be used by anyone who wishes to be on the agenda for a selectmen's meeting or for subjects/issues that need the attention of the selectmen.

Andy Guptill presented a petition signed by 30 residents of Andover asking that since he lives on a private road, Selectman Danforth recuse himself from any and all discussion regarding private roads. This request is being made to preclude any problems. Selectman Danforth willingly agreed to recuse.

John Thompson stated that the Board has directed him, as Road Agent, not to work on private roads because there will be no insurance provided by the Town. How would this be any different if agreements were reached with property owners for maintenance?

The discussion of private roads was

deferred until the June 16 meeting.

**June 16**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Selectmen Coolidge, Selectwoman Viandier, Selectman Danforth, and Town Administrator Marj Roy.

Selectman Danforth asked if anyone from Dodge Lane was present.

Michelle Dudek, who lives on Channel Road, said they are happy about the barriers at the Rail Trail.

Someone in the audience thought this meeting was about closing off Channel Road. Selectmen Danforth said that records from years ago state that the Selectmen would have a meeting to discuss access to and from Dodge Lane-Channel Road. There is no record of such a meeting being held, and this meeting is to follow the procedures that were supposed to take place in the past.

The Corliss family and the Dudeks said they are happy with the current access to and from Dodge Lane. Town Administrator Roy reported that Rose Schumacher, a resident of Dodge Lane, had called to say that she, too, is happy with things as they are.

Church Lane is a Town road, but again this was adopted without finishing the proper process, so we are going through the procedure to define the lines on the properties. This is to inform the residents that the Town will be establishing the property lines and file all the paperwork. This is the second part of the process. The Town would continue to maintain

the road if it remains a Town road.

John Guiheen asked if the Selectmen were talking about Church Lane, which is a Town road. He asked if it is maintained by the Town. The Selectmen stated that it is a Town road.

Mr. Guiheen asked if the road is laid out according to Town specifications. Selectmen Danforth said it is not, and that is one reason for this public meeting. Selectmen Danforth said that the Selectmen would ask ZBA to waive all fees involved and address any concerns and to have the layout documented. The Town's last step is to file the paperwork.

Mr. Guiheen said he thought there was supposed to be a meeting on Church Lane in 30 days. He said he doesn't have a problem with the Town taking over the road, but he is concerned about who will maintain the road and whether it will be wide enough so he can get his heavy equipment/truck down the road. He wants to be sure the Town won't shut him down by restricting the road.

Road Agent John Thompson said it depends on what type of traffic they want on the road. Mr. Guiheen said he can't get in and out during the winter due to the tight corner from Church Lane onto Potters Road.

Selectman Coolidge said this needs to go to the Planning Board and the ZBA. Selectmen Danforth said he will send a letter to the Planning Board and the ZBA to look into this matter.

Selectmen Coolidge stated the law See Selectmen on page 16

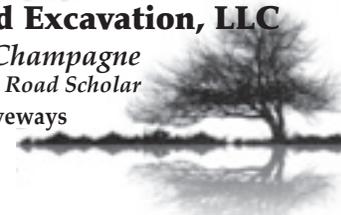


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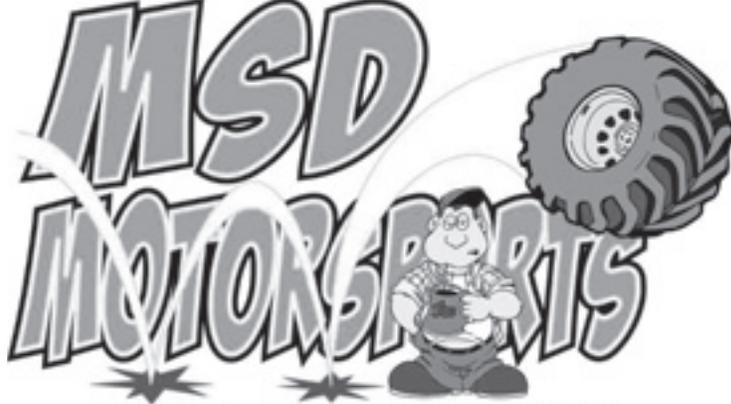

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says the Town cannot maintain private roads. If the Town maintains a private road, then the Town is required to charge a fee. The property owners then need to come up with how they will pay for the maintenance of the private road.

Marj stated that maintenance of private roads is part of the budget. The Town can't make money off the service provided. Currently, the Town is maintaining all or parts of private roads, and they shouldn't be. Marj read the list of 15 private roads in Andover. The changes will all need to go to Town Meeting.

Dick and Connie Powers were present to talk about Johnson Lane. Dick said sometime in the 1970s, Amos Johnson wanted to put gates up, because he was losing goods, and at that time they changed the gates to access the covered bridge. Dick said he and Connie think the Town should take the road back, with the loop to drive around, and the Town would have access to the dry hydrant.

Selectman Danforth said he will send a letter to Town Counsel and get a letter out to the Powers about the decision.

Selectman Coolidge said that the work order for ledge pack in the parking lot at the Town beach is \$4,600, which will cover putting up handicap spaces, level out the parking lot, and fill in sinking soft spots. The vote to accept was unanimous.

John Thompson said 40 hours of sweeping has been completed for a cost of \$12,200.

John Thompson said cold patch has been used on roads for a cost of \$3,480. The vote to accept was unanimous.

John Thompson said he completed shoulders on Mill Road.

John Thompson would like to have Bruce Davis discuss alternative paving options for the Town at the next work session. The Board of Selectmen thought it would be a good idea to see his presentation.

John Thompson is still working on the bridge inspection list.

Reggie Roy reported that the fence is in at the rear of the Transfer Station. The building needs to be re-positioned, and he's looking for suggestions. The security system is in place, and he has instructed his employees about not duplicating the keys. The keys actually cannot be duplicated.

Selectman Danforth wants to go over the budget versus labor due to the percentage already used within six months. There is a concern that something has hit the accounts that should not have at this time.

Town Administrator Marj Roy said a letter was sent to the Recreation Committee regarding background checks needing to be done for anyone dealing with children. This is due to a new RSA that went into effect as of January 2014. All municipalities must comply.

Employees, committee members, and volunteers all require annual background checks. A form must be filled out, and the charges will be applied to

the separate department budgets.

Marj said the Town received a \$2,000 grant check from New Hampshire Homeland Security/FEMA as part of a grant from several years ago.

Marj said the cyclical review of property assessments has been finished by the state.

Land use database survey needs to be done by various departments.

Quote from Eastern Analytical is \$953.60 for testing of old landfill. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Selectman Coolidge asked about status of the new Web site. Marj said they are looking for information from the departments to provide to Mainstay which they will upload. Once the site is live, then Marj and Elita will make the updates to the Web site.

Selectman Coolidge spoke about Action Plan:

Web site launch: get letter out to committees

Road and Bridge Committee

Ordinance review and assign a numbering system. Marj said Police Department has a special format they need to follow.

Assessing change: need to put out for re-bid to follow the purchasing policy

Warrant articles: need to get them done ahead of time.

Budget meeting: first one will be in October

Bobcat follow-up needs to happen next year

Personnel policy review: Marj to present, and Selectwoman Viandier will review wording

Town docks: need multiple warrant articles

Insulating the upper front of Town Office.

Explanation of budget process: How we are going to do it with the Budget Committee. Need an October 1st deadline for the departments' budget requests to be into the Town Office for consideration

Selectman Danforth would like appropriation to buy a raft for \$499 and take it from the Cable TV budget line. Pallets that were going to be used at the beach are going back to the Transfer Station. The beach needs new buoys. We need to find out who the abutters are to Town Beach and communicate

with them about the boundary line and rules.

Cemetery trustee: need to appoint Diane Fowler

Planning Board alternate: Doug Phelps appointment postponed due to wrong form.

Bereavement policy: need to change wording

Selectman Danforth would like to speak to Cemetery Committee about using machines for grave digging.

Labor Day falls on Selectmen Meeting – Jim Danforth asked to move it to Tuesday September 2.

**July 7**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Selectmen Danforth, Coolidge, and Viandier; John Thompson, Reggie Roy, Town Administrator (TA) Marj Roy.

**Road Agent**

Road Agent John Thompson reported that street sweeping is getting finished up.

John finished the work at the beach parking lot and handed in the bill.

Mill Road work has been completed.

Discussed John's involvement with the re-positioning of the new Transfer Station building. John will help with moving the building so an employee will have a full view of who's dumping what into compactor.

New work proposals by John: none. He's still working on previous jobs.

**Transfer Station**

Reggie Roy will put sign at the Transfer Station to let contractor's know the Town is accepting bids for cutting roof, shortening the compactor building, other necessary repairs.

Reggie gave a detailed breakdown of all employee's hours worked at the Transfer Station.

Reggie mentioned revisions are being worked on for Transfer Station rules.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Marj requested that the Recreation Committee draft the maintenance contract for Blackwater Park. It was decided that Marj will draft the contract and forward it to Tom Frantz, chair of the Recreation Committee, for review, approval.

The new police cruiser is in and insurance has been added. An ad was

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## SUMMER SEASON

<p><b>AUGUST 6 - 17</b></p>  <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">Kiss Me, Kate</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Cole Porter's sizzling masterpiece!</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">MUSIC AND LYRICS BY COLE PORTER BOOK BY SAM AND BELLA SPEWACK</p>  	<p><b>AUGUST 20 - 31</b></p>  <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">DIAL M FOR MURDER</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">The spine-chilling Nitchcockian thriller</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">BY FREDERICK KNOTT <small>Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.</small></p> 
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## Selectmen from page 16

placed in paper for bids on old cruiser.

The new Town Web site will be launched this month. The site will include subscription option, town event calendar, Town contact information, news and notices, a pay button for tax bills and registrations, along with a special links section.

The consumer water testing results are available in the office.

The Comcast monthly bill has increased by five dollars.

Background checks need to be in for the soccer program no later than July 25, due to the fact that it can take the State three weeks to process. The appropriate people have been informed.

Invitation for a meeting was sent out to Cemetery Trustees.

Selectman Danforth has placed an article in The Andover Beacon listing subjects to be covered at August Selectmen meetings.

There is a public hearing scheduled for August 4. The following will be covered at the meeting:

- Review Transfer Station rules
- Review Town fees
- Recreation Committee

Tom Frantz: Mentioned that the swim program has started and one of the helpers didn't show up on the first day.

A new raft has been built and should be in the water by July 9.

There were two maintenance bids, and Howard George was granted the contract.

The new soccer coach will be Heidi Murphy.

Background checks are needed for the upcoming soccer and ski programs.

Selectman Danforth has spoken with Jane Slayton about unified rules for the athletic fields at AE/MS and Blackwater Park.

### Andover Energy Group

Larry Chase, chairman, and five members were present and asked for support to participate in a 15-week project by Vital Communities regarding solar energy for private homes. Andover would be able to participate if we join New London and Wilmot.

The application is due July 21 and will need two letters from volunteers and

Town representatives. They have the two letters, one from Charles Darling and the other from Jane Slayton. They are asking for the Town's support. All three Selectmen gave approval. The letter will be signed by the Town Administrator.

### New Business

Hardship Abatement Policy handed out to Selectmen for review. It will be adopted at the next Selectmen meeting.

Invitation sent out for the Pot Luck gathering.

Discussed three possible warrant articles for 2015. One of the articles would be continuation of the lease of Town property to the Andover Horseshoe Club. Long-term lease of Town property requires a Town Meeting vote. A warrant article will be necessary.

### Correspondence and Signatures

Town received letter from Ron Charles. Ron owns property on Fox Farm Road. He is wondering if there is a way for the Town to produce revenue from the Town-owned properties. He wants to know when the Town will be trimming around the Cilleyville-Bog Bridge. The Town needs to send a letter informing Mr. Charles that the Town doesn't own the land around the bridge and cannot do the trimming.

All three Selectmen signed off on the MS-5.

The Board signed a letter to a taxpayer who no longer lives at their Beech Hill Road property regarding their existing VA tax credit.

## Planning Board

### June 10

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Members present:** Jon Warzocha, Acting Chair; Paul Currier; Nancy Teach; Duncan Coolidge, ex-officio; Art Urie; Lenny Caron, alternate appointed to Harvey Pine's position.

Also present for duration of appropriate items: Roger Rodewald; Wayne and Brenda McDonald; Dave Powers, Andover Zoning Administrator

Completeness Review: McDonald's Tanning Salon site plan review

The Board was unable to locate the application; therefore, the applicant completed a new one. The proposal includes six tanning beds, three stand-up booths, one spray-tan room, and a man-

icure/pedicure room. There is no public water system nor public restroom.

The facility will be approximately 1,200 square feet. Parking will be for 10 spaces plus one handicap space. The applicant currently holds a tanning license and is inspected two times per year by the Department of Cosmetology. Hours of operation will be from 11 AM to 7 PM, Monday through Sunday. A new sign permit will be needed along with a modified driveway approval by the State from the proposed driveway to the existing driveway.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of deeming the application complete.

Continuation of Public Hearing: Site Plan Review for Brenda and Wayne McDonald, with Roger Rodewald as agent, to operate a tanning salon in an existing building. The property is located at 279 Franklin Highway.

Zoning Board of Adjustment approval was previously received. There being no public present, the public hearing was closed. The Board voted in favor of accepting the application as presented pending receipt of State septic plan, DOT driveway permit; copy of license issued by the Board of Cosmetology, Barbering, and Aesthetics; sign permit; and an amended plan by Rodewald. Final approval once additional items are received by the Board.

### Additional Items

A letter from Chip Hall with Cen-Com was received regarding adding an

antenna to an existing tower on Flaghole and Humphrey Road for Liberty Electric. The Board reviewed the proposed addition and finds no issues related to access, bonding, security for removal of structural integrity, or appropriate camouflage of the proposed antenna; therefore the Board voted unanimously that a Site Plan Review is not necessary.

## Conservation Commission

### June 11

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Chair Mary Anne Broshek; members Larry Chase, Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan, Derek Mansell; guest Sandra Graves

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) update from Nan: Land protection specialist Beth McGuinn will leave ASLPT to become executive director of the Five Rivers Conservation Trust in Concord.

ASLPT will poll member communities via a market study prior to a board strategic planning session that will include succession planning.

ASLPT has concluded negotiations on the Roby easement along Route 11 in East Andover, which it will hold title to. The Andover Conservation Commission (ACC) will need to add easement-related information to its files and notebook.

A May 29 "Thursday's Child" ASLPT fund-raiser at the New London Inn was a success.

See Cons Comm on page 18

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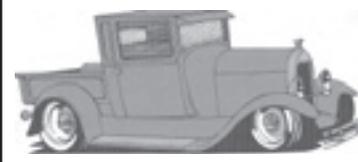
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**Cons Comm from page 17**

**Event and Activity Planning**

Nan reported that ASLPT will participate in an ACC-sponsored Conservation Easement Workshop in Andover's Town Hall on Wednesday, August 20, and land steward Andy Deegan will be present at ACC's July 9 meeting to discuss details and seek input on potential individuals who might have an interest in attending.

Larry reported that details for Kittie Wilson's "Little Loon Grows Up!" illustrated talk at Bluewater Farm on July 15 are complete. As was done last year, there will be a donation basket with proceeds going to the Loon Preservation Committee.

No progress was reported on an Elbow Pond "Taking Action for Wildlife" walk and talk; on local trail design and development; or on a collaboration with the Andover Elementary/Middle School. Mary Anne will send Derek information on grants for school projects. Derek will check with Proctor to be sure there are no issues with trails crossing Proctor land.

Derek told of the possibility of a pollinator workshop at Proctor in the fall.

**Monitoring**

Derek agreed to conduct a stewardship monitoring of the Gold Leaf property on Switch and Severance Roads, of the Green Mountain property off Plains Road, and of the Bog Pond property, and to create a chart for the next ACC

meeting showing all conserved properties plus Town properties monitored by ACC. Mary Anne will check with Ed Spencer re: doing baseline information.

**Japanese Knotweed**

The Andover Board of Selectmen is working on the knotweed-eradication problem. Mary Anne will get additional information from Selectman Sophie Viandier and share it with ACC members.

**Aeolian Energy**

Larry will ask Susan Chase, who attended the meeting between Andover Energy Group and Aeolian Energy, for information about the meeting results and report back to ACC.

**New Business**

Larry reported on the need for a new sign reflecting changes in Bradley Lake rules and regulations and will discuss sign acquisition with Town Administrator Marj Roy.

Tina shared information about a Conservation Commission Field Training Series to be offered by the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions.

**Zoning Board Of Adjustment**

**June 23**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Members present:** Dan Coolidge, Chair; Charlie McCrave, Alternate; Jim Delaney; and Katherine Stearns.

**Also present** for duration of appropriate item: Robert and Karen Richardson.

**Continued Public Hearing:** A Re-

quest from Robert and Karen Richardson for a special exception to allow the operation of a single-bay general automotive repair shop with New Hampshire inspection service. The property is located at 29 Currier Road and is in the Rural/Residential District

The application was presented by the applicant. The proposal is for Article IX, Section D1, of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Board found the site to be appropriate for the proposed use. Photos of the property and buildings were presented for review. There are two other repair facilities in the general vicinity. The applicants have spoken with three abutters, and the abutters indicated they had no concerns with the proposal.

There being no public present nor any concerns of the Board, the Board voted unanimously in favor of granting the special exception, with the condition that there will be no storage of junk or unregistered vehicles or tires for more than one week.

**Additional Items**

The Board agreed to contact the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance to indicate that the Planning Board does not need to deem sites appropriate for proposed uses, as requiring such is inconsistent with state law.

**July 15**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Members present:** Dan Coolidge, Chair; Jim Delaney; Charlie McCrave, alternate.

**Also present** for duration of appropriate items: Dave Powers, Zoning Administrator; Robert and Karen Richardson, Pierre Bedard.

**Public Hearing:** A request from Robert and Karen Richardson for a variance to permit the operation of a one-bay general automotive repair shop with New Hampshire State Inspection Service in a building that does not meet the setback requirement of 150 feet from residential property lines of two abutters. The property is located at 29 Currier Road and is in the Rural/Residential District.

Coolidge advised the applicants that as there was not a full board present, they had the option of continuing with those Board members present, or continuing to a specified future date. Should they opt to continue, the vote would have to be unanimous, and the applicant is not eligible to appeal based on less than a full board being present. The applicants chose to continue with three voting members present.

The proposal was presented to the Board. There being no abutters present, the Board reviewed the criteria for a variance.

Would the variance be contrary to the public interest? *No.*

Would the spirit of the ordinance be met if the variance is granted? *Yes.*

Would substantial justice be done if

the variance is granted? *Yes.*

Would the value of surrounding properties be diminished if the variance is granted? *No.*

Would a fair and substantial relationship exist between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property if the variance was granted? *Yes.*

Is the proposed use a reasonable one? *Yes.*

There being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of granting the variance with the condition that the applicant maintain the site barriers on either side of the property.

**Public Hearing:** A request from Pierre Bedard, agent for Joseph and Joyce Cioffi, for a variance to permit the construction of a garage within the 30-foot front setback. The property is located at 368 Bradley Lake Road and is in the Forest/Agricultural District.

Coolidge advised the applicants as described above. The applicants chose to continue with three voting members present.

The application was presented along with photos of the property. The proposal is to construct a 16' x 22' garage on the lot across the road from an existing residence. There being no abutters present, the Board reviewed the criteria for a variance.

Would granting of the variance be contrary to the public interest? *No.*

Would the spirit of the ordinance be met if the variance was granted? *Yes.*

Would substantial justice be done if the variance was granted? *Yes.*

Would values of surrounding property diminish if the variance was granted? *No.*

Would a fair and substantial relationship exist between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property if the variance was granted? *No.*

Is the proposed use a reasonable one? *Yes.*

There being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of granting the variance.

**Public Hearing:** A request from Pierre Bedard, agent for Joseph and Joyce Cioffi, for a special exception to allow the construction of a single-stall garage as an accessory structure to an existing cottage. The property is located at 369 Bradley Lake Road and is in the Forest/Agricultural District.

Coolidge advised the applicants as described above. The applicants chose to continue with three voting members present.

The application was presented along with photos of the property. Bedard stated that conditions of the Special Exception can be met to provide vehicle storage off-site rather than on the road. A State Shoreland Permit is necessary due to being within the 250' setback. It was noted that any decision made by the Board of Adjustment does not pertain to the 250' setback requirement for Shoreland Protection. There being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of granting the Special Exception.



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## Site of 1959 Plane Crash Remembered with an American Flag

Pilot seeks to memorialize sites of military crashes

By Peter Ferraro, for the Beacon

Peter Ferraro, a pilot for American Airlines, has taken as his task the planting of an American flag where military aircraft crashes result in death. "There are wrecks of military and civilian aircraft from one coast of our country to the other," Peter says. "There are also wreck hunters, such as myself, who spend time researching and looking (sometimes with no success) for these accident sites to honor the memories of the lives that were lost at these sacred places. It's never forgotten that these wreck sites are places where men died, and their families were left without fathers, brothers, and sons."

Peter read online of the 1959 crash in Andover and wanted to locate and commemorate the location. He contacted Pat Cutter of the Andover Historical Society, and with the help of Bill Keyser, whose grandfather owned land in that area, Pat located the site on property now owned by Roy Sell on Switch Road.

On June 22, Pat visited the site with Peter Ferraro; Marc Goldstein, a photographer; and Roy Sell. A flag was planted and artifacts of the plane were photographed. The following is Peter's account of the crash and his efforts to memorialize the site.

In the early morning hours of July 22, 1959, a US Air Force Boeing KC-97G Stratotanker, serial number 52-2703, crashed in East Andover. All seven crew members aboard died in the accident.

The aircraft, call sign Cutoff 17, was part of the 509th Air Refueling Squadron based at Pease Air Force Base in Newington. The crew of Cutoff 17 was tasked that evening to take part in a Strategic Air Command (SAC) reflex action refueling mission. SAC regularly deployed state-side based bombers to overseas bases to stand nuclear alert during the Cold War. These reflex action missions required coordinating

multiple air-to-air refuelings en route, as the bombers would normally fly to their destinations non-stop.

Cutoff 17's mission that night would take them on a refueling track across New Hampshire and into Maine, ending over Princeton near the border of New Brunswick, Canada. After completing their refueling commitment, the crew was to fly to Olmstead Air Force Base in Pennsylvania (now Harrisburg International Airport), where the aircraft was to undergo maintenance modification work.

Due to scheduling changes from SAC, the crew was sent home for crew rest after reporting to the base on the morning of July 21. They then reported back to Pease at 9:45 that evening. The 509th was supposed to provide three KC-97s for that night's mission, but one aircraft was unavailable due to maintenance reasons, so Cutoff 17 was moved up from number two to the lead tanker position.

Preflight and mission briefing were normal, and after engine start, Cutoff 17 departed Pease at 12:33 AM on July 22, followed a few minutes later by the second KC-97 in the flight, Cutoff 15.

Cutoff 17 departed to the northwest. The aircraft's flight plan took it over Concord, where it turned southwest and proceeded to Keene. From there, the crew flew north, passing over their next navigation checkpoint of Lebanon. They then turned east to proceed to the refueling orbit point.

Both aircraft had departed in low visibility conditions, but by the time the two tankers reached the orbit point, Cutoff 17 had slowly climbed to 15,000 feet. Both aircraft were now in clear conditions.

At 1:43 AM, Cutoff 15 was a thousand feet below Cutoff 17 and approximately seven miles away. The crew of Cutoff 15 observed Cutoff 17's radar beacon stop transmitting and then a fire develop in the wing area of Cutoff 17. The fire grew in intensity very fast, and Cutoff 17 entered a spiral and then went



With the help of Pat Cutter and the permission of Roy Sell, Peter Ferraro planted an American flag at the site of the crash of an Air Force plane that crashed in Andover in 1959, killing all aboard. Peter is shown here at the crash site with the flag and some of the wreckage. Photo: Marc Goldstein

out of control. It was last seen by the in-flight refueling boom operator of Cutoff 15 engulfed in flames and in a spin. The aircraft entered the undercast, and then a bright explosion lit the clouds.

Killed in the crash was Crew T-82: Aircraft Commander Captain James White, Copilot 1/Lt Dean Holzworth, Navigator 1/Lt Harold High, Flight Engineer TSGT Owen Combs, Boom Operator TSGT Jake Schmidt, Scanner TSGT Marion Ackermund, Scanner A/3C Phillip Darst.

Ironically, the regular copilot on the crew was on leave and was replaced that night by 1/Lt Holzworth. All of the crew, with the exception of Airman Darst, were married.

I received a very detailed copy of the accident report from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. The Air Force Accident Investigation Board determined that the cause of the crash was due to loss of lubrication to the bearings in the #4 engine turbo supercharger shaft.

The turbine, once unloaded, accelerated to destruction and caused the uncontained catastrophic fire, presumably due to severed fuel lines or punctured tanks in the wing.

The aircraft impacted the ground in essentially a flat spin. There was evidence that some of the crew members attempted to put on their parachutes and escape, but due to the lateral G-force, it was an almost impossible task.

I came across a reference to this crash in the Air Safety Network online database and was determined to find the final resting place of this aircraft because of the New Hampshire connection. I owe many thanks to Pat Cutter, President of the Andover Historical Society. She was very helpful in putting me in touch with the property owner where the aircraft came down. Thanks also to Roy Sell, who allowed me to access the site on his land.

We left a flag at the site to honor the memory of the men who died that night almost 55 years ago serving our country. You are not forgotten.

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The auction at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair will feature many antiques and treasures, a selected few of which are shown here. The auction kicks off at noon at the freight shed in Potter Place on Sunday, August 3. For more about what's in the auction this year, see the list on page 1. Photo: Charlie Darling

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## Tucker Mountain School House Open on Sunday, August 10

**Press release**

The 1837 Tucker Mountain School House will be open on Sunday, August 10, from 1 to 3 PM. Visits may also be arranged at others times by calling Donna Baker-Hartwell at 735-5586 or Pat Cutter at 735-5628.

Refreshments will be served. There is no charge. The school house is owned and maintained by the Andover Historical Society. 



During his July concert at the Highland Lake Grange Hall, musician and musicologist Jeff Warner demonstrated a precursor to the modern banjo. Sponsored by the Andover Historical Society and the New Hampshire Humanities Council, the event drew a standing-room audience for Jeff's performance, entitled *Banjos, Bones and Ballads*. One of the nation's foremost performer/interpreters of traditional music, he sings and plays concertina, guitar, and several "pocket" instruments, including bones and spoons, as well as the banjo. Photo and caption: Larry Chase

## Fifty Years Ago in Andover: August 1964

### An auction; clams; and the effects of drought

*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.*

#### August 1, 1964

For Sale: Capuchian Monkey, 10 months old, \$65. Mrs. Agnes O'Brien, 171 Kendall Street. Franklin.

Born July 29th at Franklin Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Henderson, Andover, a girl.

Packer's Outlet, Inc. special, August 6 - 13: Schonland Sliced Bologna, 38 cents a pound.

Charles A. Murphy, 26, a teacher at Proctor Academy who was taking two French courses at Dartmouth College this summer, was killed Saturday morning when returning to Andover. Police theorize Mr. Murphy may have fallen asleep at the wheel when his car went off the left side of the highway on Route 120 near Lebanon and hit a tree at 1:29 AM. He was married and the father of three.

#### August 8, 1964

Auction of Maplecrest Farm in East Andover. "Having sold Maplecrest Farm and moved into a small cottage, we must dispose of the accumulated possessions of three generations of good country living on one farm. Some items: early plank-end bureau, flax wheel, sap yoke, wide pine boards and panels from the original East Andover Church, US Model 1864 rifle, Fairbanks platform scales, blacksmith forge, candlesticks." Ralph and Grace Chaffee

Webster Clam Bar at Webster Lake (with window service) as well as three eateries on North Main Street in Franklin, viz: The Daniel Webster Inn and Motel, Jack's Restaurant and Drive-In (with window service and air conditioning) and Neil's Restaurant (air conditioning) are all "specializing in clams" this summer.

Regal Theatre in Franklin presents this week: Peter Sellers and George C. Scott in *Dr. Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*. Next week: Walt Disney's *The Moon Spinners*.

#### August 13, 1964

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. George Miller on the birth of a son at Franklin Hospital: 9¼ pounds! The baby's name is Kermit Roy Miller.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. William Robie. Little Dale Robert has a brother one year old. Congratula-

tions to the parents.

#### August 20, 1964

Frank G. Durgin, 81, born January 11, 1883, the son of Daniel and Mae (Kenniston) Durgin, died on Monday. Mr. Durgin had resided in Andover most of his life and was a teamster in the lumber business. Among his children is a daughter, Mrs. Mabel F. Burgess of Andover.

Thomas L. Guptill, radarman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo A. Guptill of East Andover, is a crew member of the destroyer USS Robert L. Wilson, operating with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. While there, Mr. Guptill will participate in various fleet training exercises designed to increase combat readiness.

#### August 27, 1964

[An Editorial] James A. Humphrey is running as Republican candidate for Sheriff of Merrimack County against Democratic incumbent Clyde R. Parker of Concord. He has 28 years with the State Police, took courses at the University of New Hampshire, is a graduate of Massachusetts State Police Academy, took a Legal Medicine course at Harvard, is Past Commander of the American Legion Board, a member of the New Hampshire Police Association, member of Elks, Masons, and Eastern Star, and served in the First Marine Division, South Pacific.

Sheriff Parker's campaign leaflet gives as the sole reason why he should be re-elected that he is a resident of Concord and has lived in New Hampshire for 35 years. [Despite this, Mr. Parker will go on to win the primary in September, with a huge turnout for him in Concord.]

Chlorox Bleach, the product that gets out dirt that suds leave behind, is now being sold in the new one gallon plastic safety bottles for 36 cents a gallon or 37 cents for a half gallon at First National in Franklin.

#### August 29, 1964

H. Holden auctioned his 16 acres and six-room home at Dyers Crossing in East Andover, with all of his furnishings and many possessions.

The extended drought has created serious livestock feed deficiencies for the coming winter. A recent winter feed survey, conducted by the local County Extension Service, indicates that this season's production of hay is down 43%, that anticipated corn silage production will be down 15 to 25%. This follows on a devastating drought last year.

Ragged Lake Camp closed Friday, Camp Marlyn closed Monday, and camps Kenwood and Evergreen closed on Wednesday. 

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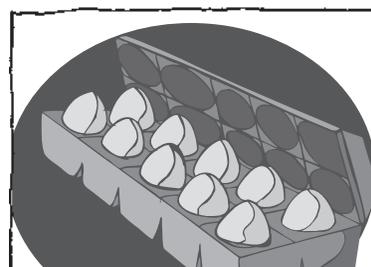
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## Snapping Turtles Can Be Fierce on Land

In the water, they're more likely to be shy

By Lee Carvalho, for the Beacon

Have you ever hesitated before leaping into a pond for fear of snapping turtles? Just when you are about to plunge, somebody has to mention that the pond is full of snappers?

I admit to having experienced that fear, even though I have always jumped in anyway and have never had a bad encounter with a snapping turtle. I have been thinking about those turtles this summer, as many Beacon readers have been reporting encounters with these prehistoric-looking reptiles and sending some photos, especially from along the Rail Trail. I

decided to learn more about *Chelydra serpentina* and try to separate the facts from the myths.

The common snapping turtle has a reputation for being fierce, short-tempered, and aggressive, but this impression comes primarily from humans coming too close to them on land. In water, they are shy and will do whatever they can to avoid interaction with

So why would a snapping turtle be on land? Either its pond dried up, and it is seeking new habitat; it is a female involved in laying eggs; or it is a young hatchling doing its best to get to water.

Because they have a small upper shell (carapace) and really small plas-



Derek Mansell photographed this baby snapping turtle along the Rail Trail in May.

tron (lower shell), snappers cannot fully retract their head and legs; therefore, they are highly vulnerable on land and naturally aggressive when approached. They will hiss and snap to warn off potential danger.

What if you see a snapper crossing a road? Should you try to help? Experts urge the rest of us to avoid any contact with a snapping turtle, for the turtle's sake and ours.

Do not try to pick it up! The snapper's neck is long and flexible (hence the species name *serpentina*) – it can bite way back by its hind legs. Some people think it's OK to move a snapping turtle by grabbing the tail and either dragging the turtle or picking it up. But the tail is an extension of the spine, so lifting or dragging will do damage to the vertebral column and possibly injure its underside. Possibly you can help by staying in the area to divert traffic; otherwise, stay away.

A female can travel a long distance to find just the right sandy spot to lay her eggs. Typically she lays 20 to 40 ping-pong ball sized eggs which require a gestation period of 9 to 18 weeks. She leaves immediately after covering the nest. Only about 1% of the eggs will ever hatch because of predators, including raccoons, foxes, and skunks.

Ancestors of the snapping turtles we know were here with the dinosaurs. I've decided to stop being afraid of snappers and instead look forward to rare glimpses (from afar) of these ancient creatures.



Peter Southworth watched this female snapper laying her eggs along the Rail Trail in June. Josh Norris biked past the same place a couple of days later and reported that the nest had been dug up and emptied.

humans – and they are mostly in water.

Snapping turtles live in rivers, marshes, ponds, and lakes, preferring a slow-moving waterway with a soft bottom of sand or mud. While they are omnivorous, the snapper's diet is mostly made up of algae, plants, and carrion at the bottom of ponds. They also eat frogs, small turtles, snakes, insects, crayfish, and fish.

Even though they are capable swimmers, they mostly move by walking along the bottom. Unlike other turtles, they rarely bask on logs, but they sometimes float just below the water's surface.

## Andover Fish and Game's Annual Beef Barbecue on August 23

Auction, raffle, and deer pool tickets, too

By Amanda Gross, AF&G volunteer

The Andover Fish and Game Club (AF&G) is holding its annual Beef Barbecue and an improved Chinese Auction on Saturday, August 23, from 5 to 6:30 PM at the Proctor Academy Field House. Tickets for the Deer Pool and the annual gun raffle can be purchased. The drawing for the Browning A5 shotgun will be at the Turkey Raffle in October.

The highlight of the meal includes juicy beef cooked by Murray Smith, fresh corn on the cob, and strawberries and ice cream for dessert, plus homemade side dishes provided by Club members and their spouses.

Chinese Auction items, including hunting and fishing paraphernalia, crafts, gift certificates, and much more, are donated by local businesses and individuals. AF&G thanks everyone for their time and contributions.

The Beef Barbecue, AF&G's biggest fundraiser of the year, provides funds for two Kids Fishing Derbies and to send kids to Barry Conservation Camp, which educates children on hunting, fishing, camping, and other outdoor skills.

For just \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12, come enjoy a great meal and good company, and help Andover Fish

and Game Club raise money for its many community projects. For tickets and more information, call 735-5311.

### In Memoriam: Buzz Call

This year's Beef Barbecue will be dedicated to the memory of past longtime Club member and past President, Richard "Buzz" Call.



Richard "Buzz" Call

Buzz, a Korean War veteran from Sutton, passed away last October. He was an avid outdoorsman who, for several years, shared his knowledge by instructing Hunter Safety courses. He was an active member of local communities in many capacities.

In association with the Andover Fish and Game Club, he will perhaps be most fondly remembered for his cooking talents at the annual Beef Barbecue.

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Thankfully, being "100 years young" hasn't dampened Arlyne's flamboyant style a bit. Photo: Joyce Egge

## Arlyne French Celebrates Her 100th Birthday

Friends and family gather from near and far

By Joyce Egge, for the *Beacon*

Former Andover resident and honorary member of the Andover Service Club, Arlyne (also spelled Arline) French turns 100 years young on July 17. In honor of this prestigious occasion, the long-time resident of the Havenwood Retirement Community in Concord held a birthday bash in one of the party rooms at the center.

Friends and relatives from all over the US and at Havenwood joined Arlyne in celebrating her big day.

Married to an Air Force officer, Arlyne has traveled extensively, and much of her artwork reflects her experiences in other countries.

Arlyne is an inspiration to many. Being extremely creative, she performed as a clown

for several years in Concord, has painted, been an accomplished photographer, and continues to do bead work. Some of her fabulous necklaces are on sale in the Havenwood gift shop.

For the past several winters, Arlyne has stayed with her daughter in Hawaii, returning in late April to her condo at Havenwood.

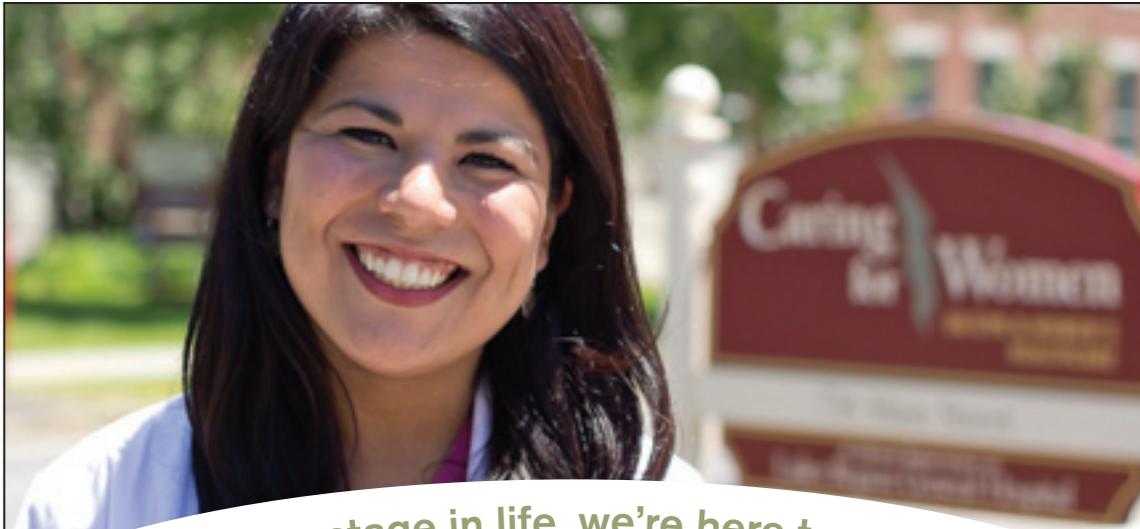


Among the Andover Service Club members on hand to celebrate with Arlyne were Joyce Egge, Gisela Darling, and on the right, Mary Demers. Photo: Lois Magenau

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## Fifth Annual Motorcycle Ride in Memory of Josh Wilterdink

Press release

The fifth annual memorial ride for Josh Wilterdink, who died in a car accident less than two months after graduating from MVHS in 2009, will take place on Saturday, August 9. In case of



heavy rain on Saturday, the ride will be moved to August 10.

Suggested donation is \$25 per bike to benefit the Josh Wilterdink Memorial Campership Fund, Boy Scouts of America Daniel Webster Council.

The ride leaves from the Blackwater Junction Restaurant on Route 4 in Andover. Registration starts at 9:15 AM; we ride at 10. The ride ends at the Bristol House of Pizza in Bristol at around 12 PM for pizza.

It is hard to believe it's been five years since the accident. See Josh on page 23

## FNRT Minutes, June 18, 2014

Condensed from draft minutes

**Members present:** Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Myra Mayman, Joyce Morton, Ellsworth Morton, Steve Rayno, Peter Southworth, Nita Tomaszewski, Bob Ward, and guests Kent Hackmann, Ed Hiller, and Larry Chase

**Correspondence:** A Danbury resident reported some minor abuses due to ATVs or motorized vehicles.

**Special guests on signage:** Larry Chase and Ed Hiller. Larry observed that there are few signs on the Rail Trail to recognize who is responsible for building and maintaining the trail. He took it upon himself to print up some 3" x 5" and 4" x 6" laminated cards with the FNRT logo, Web site, and info. Charles noted that including road crossings on signs we post is helpful to trail users. There was support for Larry's suggestion, and he will circulate the sign information via e-mail before printing the signs.

Ed Hiller brought up the issue of printing historical information, perhaps on metal 18" x 20" signs. Ed suggested each town along the Rail Trail could decide what signs and text to print and mount. Ed identified three types of signs for us to consider: interpretive/historical signs, names of ponds, bridges, etc., and road signs with directions to the Rail Trail.

Bob observed there is a need to oversee and organize a uniform approach to Trail signage. Ralph Ressler is looking into procuring blue highway signs.

Ed gave an update on 14 missing mile marker signs that have been recovered and will be put in Grafton County, starting from Lebanon. Since Ed will be fully occupied with mile marker restoration, Larry will take forward the project on signage.

### Old Business

**Maintenance:** We discussed possible violations on the trail in Andover. We are scheduled for early July mowing of all 32 miles. It was noted we need a Proper Use sign on Depot Street.

**Technology report:** Steve Darling provided updates on our Web page links.

**Achievement Award:** Charles

presented Bob the plaque noting the FNRT's trail building achievements given by the Coalition for Recreational Trails in Washington DC. We received support from Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster, as well as from Senator Kelly Ayotte, with whom Charles met. We were the only group to receive the support of its entire legislative delegation. Trails Bureau's Chris Gamache wrote a laudatory letter in support of our award.

Bob also shared a 2011 Award of Excellence from the Lakes Region Planning Commission and the 2014 Outstanding Achievement award from the Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health.

**Pop-up tent:** Purchased at Piche's Ski and Sport.

**Finish Line Celebration:** Bob discussed the extensive invitation list, ceremony, and schedule, including a bicycle Rail Trail race from Danbury (35 miles). Bob proposed a budget of \$2,341.50 that was seconded and approved. The bike race (if we decide it is feasible) could offset the expenses by approximately \$1,000.

**National Trails Day, June 7:** Ride coordinated with Wilmot Library. Lindy will continue with this event next year – a great success.

### New Business

**Upcoming meetings and events:**

- Danbury Store Appreciation Day on Saturday, June 28

- Andover table on Fourth of July.
- Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair in Potter Place on Sunday, August 3.

- Boscawen Old Home Day on September 27.
- Special Olympics event and Finish Line Celebration on Saturday, October 4, with a rain date of Sunday, October 5.

Alex emphasized the importance of recording names and e-mails.

Increasing oversight of Trail in Franklin.

Steve submitted a \$400 bill for maintenance and clean up of the Franklin turntable.

Suggestion that we sell healthy snacks at September 27 Special Olympics event.

## FNRT Minutes, July 16, 2014

**Board Members Present:** Steve Darling, Tom Frantz, Lindy Heim, Charles Martin, Joyce Morton, Ellsworth Morton, Peter Southworth, Bob Ward, and guest Pecco Beaufays.

**Correspondence.** Steve read a note from two appreciative trail users and donors.

### Old Business

**Action items.** Ellsworth inquired about a presentation board to display our plaques and awards.

**Maintenance.** After a recent storm, there were about three large trees down, and Ed Hiller and his sons-in-law and Ricker Miller both quickly responded to clear the trail. Steve Robinson continues to closely monitor the Danbury section. Pat Cutter posted a note at the Potter Place Railroad Museum to call Peter, then Bob, with any reported trail issues. John Schoeller will begin mowing the sides of the trail beginning July 17.

**Boscawen questions.** Finish Line Celebration: Bob shared his budget (he has decided to drop the bicycle race) and the celebration schedule of activities from 10 AM to noon on Saturday, October 4 (rain date: Sunday, October 5). We need a new poster board of the full trail map (Alex). The invitation and award (Golden Spike) lists were refined. The idea of a poster board or a program listing volunteers was discussed.

**Policy on listing hotels** on our Web

site. Pecco proposed that a hotel that supports the FNRT (two-night stay voucher) can put a link on our Web site. Lindy suggested that we use a sponsor page with a link to supporting businesses. Discussion to be continued.

**SRK Greenway Race,** August 21 through 24. Tom will look to staff the first and last day of the race.

**Saleable items** with FNRT logo. A motion to spend \$275 on hats was approved.

**Blue signs.** Authorization for expenditure. The signs should be non-commercial (brown), with no expense but a \$10 annual fee. Ralph Ressler made the call to Margaret Wells of DOT. The expenditure to spend the \$1,600 on blue signs is postponed until further discussion in August.

### New Business

**Upcoming meetings and events.**

- Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair in Potter Place on Sunday, August 3.
- August FNRT meeting on Wednesday, August 20.
- SRK Greenway race from Thursday, August 21 to Sunday, August 24.
- Run and Ride on Saturday, September 27.
- Finish Line celebration in Boscawen on Saturday, October 4.

**Staffing FNRT table** at the September 27 Run and Ride. Suggestion that we sell healthy snacks was carried.

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years! Please help us honor Josh by making this the best ride yet, and send a boy to summer camp. If you can't ride with us, donations can be sent to the Josh Wilterdink Memorial Campership Fund, 18 North Short Street, Andover 03216. We will gather the donations and send them to the Scouting Director in Manchester.

For more information, contact Rob or Robin Wilterdink at 657-4456 or 657-4455.

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A team of volunteers from the New London-based Kearsarge Wood Ministry ("the wood bank") visited Bluewater Farm on Bradley Lake in July to harvest cordwood for distribution next winter to area residents in need. Pictured are volunteers and Bluewater Farm owner Deb Brower, who donated the wood. Left to right: Bob Wright of Bradford; Deb Brower; Steve Allenby, New London; John Foulds, Sunapee; and Mike Sanville, Wilnot.

The Kearsarge Wood Ministry is an outreach effort of the First Baptist Church of New London, and its volunteers are drawn from that church and from the Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, which provides significant support. The wood bank serves towns within the Kearsarge region, including Andover. For more information, contact Steve Allenby at SAllenby@aol.com.

Caption and photo: Larry Chase



Highland Lake's baby loon is learning the ropes under the watchful eye of its parents. Photo: Peter Agoos

## Highland Lake Welcomes a Baby Loon!

Second egg was washed out of the nest

By Donna Baker-Hartwell  
For the Beacon

At daybreak on July 10, one baby loon hatched on Highland Lake after 28

days of incubating. Both parents were there to greet him or her.

By 4 o'clock that afternoon, the three ventured out across the lake to the "nursery" – a quiet area on the northern end of the lake. The little one swam on its own between its parents and when tired would climb on the back of a parent and take a ride. This is its floating nest for the next month.

The Agoos have a perfect view of the loon family for the next week or more, until the parents feel comfortable enough to take their new baby out and around the lake.

Peter Agoos reported the following on Day 2: "Busy breakfast scene this morning: two herons, an osprey, and the loon couple with their hitchhiker. Watched the fishing parent pass tid-bits to the chick several times. On the third or fourth pass, the chick got so excited that it popped off into the water – seemed right at home – and after getting its bite, the carrying parent lifted a wing and it scrambled back up. They look pretty content."

Now that the loons are off their nest, the island is open as usual for picnicking.

People have been asking me why there aren't two babies, as loons usually lay two eggs. I found the second egg under the water near the nest site after the loons had left. Nests being washed away by wave activity is one of the most common reasons for egg failure. The egg is collected by the New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee (NHLPC) for study.

For the next several months and until the lake is about to freeze over, the loon family will be seen feeding all around the lake. The baby loon cannot dive well enough to protect itself from motor boats, so be extra careful when motoring around the lake. Loon watchers best stay at least 100 feet away from the loons. The NHLPC suggests 150 feet. A good pair of binoculars is the best way to watch, and there will be much to see!

We are blessed to have loons on our lake, and having a successful chick this year is extra special. Thanks to all who helped, and to everyone for keeping watch in their best interest.



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On July 12, nearly two dozen hikers joined leader Lee Carvalho on a hike to Wilder Pond, a small, remote body of water high on the eastern flank of Mount Kearsarge. Pictured are Derek Mansell of Andover and Perry Hodges of Springfield. The hike was part of the summer series of outings sponsored by the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition. Photo: Lee Carvalho



About 70 former students and graduates of Andover High School attended the annual all-class reunion on July 12. Photo: Stu Lenk

## A Perfect Day for the Andover High All-Class Reunion

About 70 AHS attendees gather in Danbury

By Judy Perreault, AHS '53

We couldn't have asked for a nicer day for the annual Andover High School all-class reunion on July 12 – sunny and warm, with blue skies. There were plenty of tented and shady areas to set up chairs at the Ordway Recreational Area in South Danbury. The Ordway boys were on hand to park cars, and thanks to them the tents were up and the PA system was working.

The boys had built a new shed this year, which housed the refrigerator and electrical outlets. They also came back See AHS on page 26

### In Memoriam

Gladys Brooks '35  
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## Final Miles of Rail Trail to be Finished in August

### Ceremony planned for October 4

By Lindy Heim, FNRT

Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT) are very busy completing the turning of the old rail bed into a four-season recreational trail. Work on the last couple of miles of unfinished rail trail in Boscawen is scheduled to start on Monday, August 4. Preliminary clearing has already begun.

In mid-August, stone dust will also be laid down on the rail trail where the cinder surface is rough, starting just north of Danbury's town center and extending to the Grafton County border.

Project manager Chris Norris and his neighbor Howard Jelleme, both from Andover, have wrestled the last railroad ties to the side of the last third of a mile of rail trail in Boscawen in preparation for the grading, laying of stone dust, more grading, and rolling to come.

Recent storm damage brought a good number of trees down in Andover and Danbury. They were summarily cut and removed by rail trail volunteers Ed Hiller, Ricker Miller, and Steve Robinson. FNRT wishes to thank all the chain saw-wielding maintenance crew for their speedy help.

Along the Franklin section of the rail trail, Steve Rayno just completed cleaning up the old turntable by burying the remnants of an illegal bonfire and rebuilding the stonework at the historic

site. Thank you, Steve.

FNRT is now offering white ball caps for sale that have the rail trail logo on them. Watch for these popular items in the FNRT information booths at public events such as the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 3, in Potter Place; Boscawen's Old Home Day on Saturday, August 23; and the Rail Trail Run and Ride for the New Hampshire Special Olympics at Carr Field in Andover on Saturday, September 27.

Plans are being made for a grand Finish Line Celebration to be held from 10 AM to noon on Saturday, October 4 (rain date Sunday, Oct. 5) at Jamie Welch Park on Depot Street off of King Street in Boscawen. Chief Supervisor of the New Hampshire Bureau of Trails Chris Gamache will be the keynote speaker, and many other dignitaries will be on hand. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this special event!

Planned activities that day include hay wagon rides on the rail trail, railroad-themed music by the Kearsarge and Hopkinton Community Bands, and a cider and cookies reception.

Walkers who wish to check out the newest section of the trail are encouraged to do so. Please bring doggie bags if you will have dog friends along.

For more information, downloadable maps, membership, and giving opportunities, please visit [FNRT.org](http://FNRT.org) and [FNRTNH.org](http://FNRTNH.org) on Facebook.

### 100 miles on the Rail Trail

Press release

The Hemophilia Federation of America (HFA) held its first regional bike ride in Andover during the week-end of June 27 through 29. Riders from across the country united in Andover to raise awareness and funds for people living with a bleeding disorder like hemophilia.



Bike riders from across the country converged on Andover in June to ride 100 miles in the first annual Gears for Good event.

Thirty participants pedaled 100 miles along the Northern Rail Trail during the day on Saturday and Sunday. They stayed at the Highland Lake Inn in Andover, where they enjoyed additional time together. The bike ride raised over \$47,000, and these funds will benefit many families living with a bleeding disorder who are going through difficult financial times due to their chronic condition.

"Hemophilia is not only physically and emotionally painful, it can be financially challenging," said Allie Boutin, HFA Development Coordinator. "I am proud to organize this fundraiser to help moms and dads who have lost their jobs or paychecks because they stayed in the hospital with their children. I ride for adult males who aren't able to work because of their debilitating and chronic pain".

You can help raise awareness and funds to assist people affected by bleeding disorders by registering for upcoming rides and donating. Visit [GearsForGood.com](http://GearsForGood.com) for more information.

## Kearsarge Klassic Bike Event to Raise Funds for ASLPT

Limit of 200 riders; register by September 4

Press release

The Kearsarge Klassic Dirt Road Century and Randonee (K2) is a mostly dirt loop in central New Hampshire. Three circuits are offered: a dirt road "century" (100-mile circuit) with almost 10,000 feet of climbing, an 86 mile circuit, and a 65 mile circuit. The century circuit traverses the towns of Bradford, Sutton, Warner, Webster, Andover, Danbury, Alexandria, Enfield, Springfield, Wilmot, and New London and includes some of the most scenic roads in New Hampshire.

Although the roads are well-maintained dirt roads (with a few exceptions), a cyclo-cross bike with tires of 28mm or greater width and spare tubes is strongly recommended.

The routes go by a number of properties protected by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT). No prizes will be offered, and the event will not be a timed event. The event is a fundraiser for ASLPT, and all entry fees are given to ASLPT to preserve and protect land in this spectacularly beautiful part of New Hampshire.

The dirt road century is one of the hardest, most beautiful and most rewarding loops you will ever ride. The climbs will earn you spectacular and beautiful views of some of the most scenic parts of New Hampshire. The 86 mile circuit is also challenging, with

8,000 feet of climbing. The 65 mile circuit has less climbing, but still offers scenic viewpoints with twisty and challenging dirt roads. For more information, visit [AusbonSargent.org/photo-gallery](http://AusbonSargent.org/photo-gallery).

The registration fee for the event is \$80 after June 1. The event is a fundraiser for ASLPT, and 100% of the entry fees go directly to ASLPT, a 501(c)(3) trust. Donations are tax deductible. When you sign up for the event, you are making a donation to support land preservation in New Hampshire. There is a 200 rider limit for the event. No exceptions will be made.

This bike event continues to be one of ASLPT's best fundraising events of the year and provides a fun and exciting day for all participants. We collaborate with the New Hampshire Cycling Club in Concord to offer a number of scenic routes with varying degrees of difficulty, all beginning and ending at the New London Historical Society. Riders receive a homemade breakfast, lunch, and dinner (including a free beer at the end of the ride), as well as snacks at the rest stops along the routes.

Please share this with your family and friends and begin your "get in shape" routine.

Registration will be open until Thursday, September 4, and is always pre-registration only. No "day-of" registration will be accepted. Riders may register at [AndoverBeacon.com/K2-2014](http://AndoverBeacon.com/K2-2014).

## ASLPT Holds Dragonfly Walk

### Family favorite takes place in Wilmot

Press release

On Tuesday, August 12, from 3 to 5 PM, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) will hold a Dragonfly Walk on the new Sahler conservation easement in Wilmot. Join Land Protection Specialist Andy Deegan to learn more about dragonflies and damselflies and their significance in nature.

This event is always a great adventure for adults and children, as you'll net, identify, and release a variety of dragonflies. Please RSVP to Sue Andrews at [SAndrews@AusbonSargent.org](mailto:SAndrews@AusbonSargent.org).

### AHS from page 25

and cleaned up. Thanks, guys. Lily Ordway had the signs up and the tables all set. Coffee was on, and we were set to go.

Classmates started arriving at ten o'clock, and there was lots of visiting, especially with those who had come long distances and we only get to see once a year. Jerry Alley flies in from Texas each year, and Harold Crane comes most years from California. Others have long rides from New Hampshire and surrounding states.

We appreciate the effort you make to join us each year. Over 70 folks attended. It always surprises me that we have such a sizable group, considering that the last class ('63) graduated 51 years ago. The class of '49 was celebrating its 65th reunion. They tied with '58 for the

most attending.

We began with our Andover cheer followed by the flag salute. Gay Ellen Rayno led us in singing God Bless America. We had a moment of silence for our departed classmates. We took class pictures, and the only classes not represented were '40, '43, '44, '46, and '60.

Prizes were awarded. Margie Walker Piper came the closest to guessing how many jelly beans were in the jar. She guessed 159, and there were 157. Her prize was a candle. Judy Boyd Leavitt won the door prize, a gift certificate to Blackwater Junction Restaurant.

We sang a couple of school songs and adjourned to a delicious potluck lunch. There was a great variety of food and a great assortment of desserts. Folks drifted away after lunch, and so ended another Andover High Reunion.

See you next year!



Playing in the water on a hot summer day at Imagination Inn are (back) George Katsanos, Owen Theis, Aiden Duchesne, Liam Duchesne, Abby Bentzler, Daniel Demers, (front) Olivia Bentzler, Brody Hawks, Sawyer Drummond, and Russell Suckling. Photo: Becky Smart

## Imagination Inn: August 2014

Summer fun until school starts on August 26

By Doreen Perreault, Imagination Inn

It's certainly been a hot and humid summer. With many days and weeks reaching 90-plus degrees, we are enjoying our cool air-conditioned classrooms almost as much as outdoor water play!

Our summer campers have been enjoying weekly themes, creating arts and crafts and exploring science experiments along the way. During Outta This

World Week, the children built rockets, made moon paintings, searched the stars, and became astronauts.

During Pirates and Princesses Week, we donned skeleton bandanas, eye patches, and pirate tattoos. We used treasure maps to find hidden treasures of gems, jewels, and pirate booty.

July continued with Kid Concoctions. We mixed and muddled our way through many exciting experiments, some that went off with a "BANG!"

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## Farm Days at Muster Field Farm on August 23 & 24

Toby Locke to hand-hew beams for swing set

**Press release**

Muster Field Farm Museum in North Sutton will host its annual Farm Days celebration this year on Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24. Held at the farm on Harvey Road, the festivities include tractor- and horse-drawn hayrides, a kiddie tractor pull, and many demonstrations of traditional farming skills and crafts. On display all weekend will be many antique tractors, engines, and a working sawmill.

New this year, Toby Locke of Andover will be fashioning hand-hewn

beams to be used in the construction of an old-fashioned swing set. Children will be encouraged to watch and participate, then enjoy the finished product.

Children can also try candle making, ice cream churning, blacksmithing, stone splitting, and stilt walking, if they dare.

On Saturday, there will be alpacas, a cow-flop bingo, and a roast beef dinner in the evening. On Sunday, there will be a hearty breakfast served, a midday square dance, and a 4H oxen show. Both days feature a grand parade at 3 PM.

Visitors to Farm Days are encouraged to explore all the farm buildings and enjoy the 250 acres of gardens, farm, and forest land.



Ed Hiller (right) helps a volunteer FNRT work crew return a "lost" milepost to its original position alongside the Northern Rail Trail in Lebanon.

Photo: Larry Chase

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(literally!), and some that fizzled. The children made goop, oobleck, exploding color bags, silly putty, and moon sand.

Circus Week had us painting peanuts, balancing on beams, and parachute playing. We juggled, ate popcorn, and tried balancing balls on our noses.

July ended with a week celebrating holidays. We made "snow," decked the halls, and sang carols as the children celebrated Christmas, dressed for Halloween, and gobbled like turkeys.

August continues with Kids in the Kitchen Week and Mad About Movies

Week. We will all be winners when we wrap up our final summer camp week – Race to The Finish! Children will be three-legged racing, potato sack hopping, and watermelon eating as we say good-bye to a great summer and welcome a new school year.

School returns to the Inn on Tuesday, August 26. As excited as we are to start another fun school year, we're going to enjoy every moment, every ounce, every second of this beautiful time of year.

Before you know it, we will be waiting for the school bus, jumping in the leaves, and longing for those lazy, crazy, summertime days.

## Detective Work Returns Historic Milepost to the Rail Trail

FNRT seeks 27 more missing markers

By Larry Chase, for the Beacon

Once gone missing but now recovered, re-positioned, and restored, a 1,500-pound granite mileage marker stands again beside the Northern Rail Trail in Lebanon, where it informs trail users (and in another day, railroad crews) of the distances from its location to White River Junction to the north and Boston to the south.

It's one of 69 mileposts that once lined the rail bed between Concord and White River Junction. Of that number, only 30 remain in place.

But the number continues to grow, thanks to a collaboration between the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT) groups in Merrimack and Grafton counties. It's just one part of a decade-long trail-building and maintenance effort that will create (after a final 2.4-mile stretch to be finished this August) a 58-mile, year-round public hiking, biking and snowmobiling facility stretching from Boscawen to Lebanon. It's New Hampshire's longest rail trail.

The Lebanon milepost had been located in another part of town, where it displayed the street number of the home of Guy and Dorothy Plume. When advised of its historical significance, the Plumes generously donated it to the FNRT groups. In gratitude, FNRT provided them with a modern granite post.

Movement of the marker to its new location over five miles away was a three-hour project arranged by Dick Mackay of Hanover, chair of the Grafton County

FNRT and carried out by a work crew and equipment donated by the D. R. Key Corporation of Lebanon.

Locating the milepost and restoring its graphics to the original specifications and dimensions were the work of Ed Hiller of Andover, a member of FNRT in Merrimack County, using historical information supplied by the Boston and Maine Historical Society in Lowell, Massachusetts. (This marked Ed's 24th milepost restoration.) His was a three-day, six-hour project, not including travel to and from the site.

With the restoration of the marker to its original position, the 58-mile rail trail between Boscawen and Lebanon now lacks 27 mileposts. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is providing 14 similar mileposts, reclaimed from other rail beds. The FNRT groups are working out the details to bring them to the Lebanon area for restoration and replanting along the Northern Rail Trail in Grafton County.

The two FNRT groups are eager to learn the location of other markers being used today for other purposes or have been moved, misplaced, and forgotten. The markers are eight feet tall, about one foot square in cross-section, and have two smooth 24-inch faces at the top where the numbers were painted.

Persons having information about the missing markers should contact Dick Mackay at 643-2758. "We don't care where they are or how they got there," says Dick. "For historical accuracy, we'd just like to have them back. FNRT will offer a substitute granite post in return," he said.

# FARM DAYS

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Susan Schnare flashes her copy of *The Andover Beacon* at a recent Wilmot Farmers Market in front of the Two Mountain Farm booth.

Photo: Mary Lloyd-Evans

## Bounty of Local Farms is at Wilmot Farmers Market

Corn, cukes, blueberries, and much, much more

By Mary Lloyd-Evans  
Wilmot Farmers Market

Join your neighbors, and visit the Wilmot Farmers Market each Saturday. The market has at least 24 vendors, of which 70% provide local agricultural products each week.

New produce is available weekly. The corn will be coming in, along with zucchini, beans, beets, carrots, greens, cucumbers, tomatoes, yellow squash, onions, potatoes, swiss chard, peppers, eggplants, and more. Fruits such as blueberries, raspberries, and peaches will be available and also processed into jams and jellies. Honey will be freshly extracted from the hives. This is the optimum time for you to find abundant local products.

Meeting your neighbors for a breakfast or lunch and listening to great music is a special way to start the weekend. Wilmot Farmers Market is thrilled to have Naughty Nellie's Cafe as their hot food vendor.

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Indulging in a special pie, or Greek pastry, or the famous macaroni and cheese dish, a bagel and cream, specialty breads, and freshly-made jams and jellies can please every customer.

The Wilmot Farmers Market is open Saturdays, rain or shine, from 9 AM to noon through September 27. Questions? Contact Donna Abair at HazzardAcresFarm@yahoo.com or 763-9105, or visit WilmotFarmersMarket.com.

## Get Ready for September's Special Olympics Rail Trail Run & Ride

Family Fun Festival adds something for everyone

### Press release

Special Olympics New Hampshire invites runners and bicyclists to participate in the inaugural Rail Trail Run and Ride event being held on Saturday, September 27, at Proctor Academy. The Rail Trail Run and Ride event will be an all-inclusive event featuring a variety of running and bicycling race events and a Family Fun Festival all rolled into one.

With 5K and 10K running/walking events and 100K and 50K bicycling events, this event is welcoming for people of all ages and abilities, from the most avid runners and cyclists to the most novice beginners. All races start and finish at Proctor Academy.

Families can join in the fun with a 4.5-mile family bike ride beginning at the Highland Lake Inn and traveling the Northern Rail Trail to Proctor Academy's Carr Field.

All of the races will take place amidst the beauty of the Northern Rail Trail and conclude at Proctor Academy, where a Family Fun Festival will be taking place with food, entertainment, inflatables, and more.

This Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) event will help cover assessment costs for first year Special Olym-

pics New Hampshire athletes. LETR, run by law enforcement professionals from around the world, is the largest grass-roots fundraising organization for the Special Olympics.

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# Pay It Forward Farm Gets Up and Running

## Permaculture plans mean thinking long-term

By Jackson Bicknell, for the Beacon

Pay it Forward Farm: a food forest, future education center, mecca for wildlife foragers, and the new liveable home for Sophie Viandier as well as three interns and a German Shepard.

After almost a year and a half of ceaseless work, Sophie can begin to rest, a little. The water is running, the electricity is done, the ceramic shower mural is completed, and nearly all the interior trim is painted.

However, a look outside the newly furnished living room reveals future projects: an empty greenhouse, the beginning structure of a composting toilet, and the budding fruit forest. Sophie, a working machine and a connoisseur for all things efficient, commented on her progress: "The place has come a long way, but there is still so much to be done."

To understand Sophie's vision for her property, you have to understand the concept of permaculture. "It's cathedral-building thinking," says Sophie, "realizing that you may not live long enough to reap the benefits of a place, but knowing

that someone one day will."

The "pay it forward" motto reflects this mindset, as does every aspect of the farm. The newly planted apple, mulberry, peach, pear, and plum trees, still too young to harvest, "will benefit whoever is around for the next 40, 50, or 70 years," said Sophie.

### Powering the Grid

Sophie had to apply the Pay it For-

ward concept more literally when purchasing solar panels. The expense of the panels, originally thought to be too costly to offer an immediate return on her investment, was justified knowing that everyone can benefit from the limited environmental impact of using a renewable resource for electricity.

In fact, the solar panels are connected directly to the grid, so that when the system generates more electricity than Sophie needs, she earns renewable energy credits, and the surplus goes directly into the grid and is available for others to use.

Inexpensive electric bills, independence from fossil fuels, generating excess energy for others, and currently running at a four kilowatt-hour per month excess all make Sophie very happy.

To look at Sophie's property, the permaculture-naive eye would see a few small raised beds full of vegetables, a chicken coop, some newly planted fruit trees, and vegetation everywhere. When taking a guided tour of the property while listening to Sophie's thorough explanations and unbridled enthusiasm for her work, one begins to envision the detailed "food forest" blueprint on display in her living room come alive.

According to Sophie, a food forest is designed to mimic a natural forest, using layers of vegetation that perform either specific or multiple functions, such as fixing nitrogen, providing wildlife habitat, water filtration, or shade. It is a "hyper-efficient version of nature's self-maintaining, balanced system," explains Sophie. "It has many more human-based plants near the house that all support each other. When properly designed and installed, there is very little human input aside from harvesting, preserving, and pruning."

Sophie believes that animals will also be an important component of her

farm because of their capacity to fertilize, eat food scraps, mow the lawn, till the earth, trim the trees, eat grubs and pests, and provide meat and other edibles. Sophie points to her chickens as an example. "My chickens are laying eggs, providing compost, and digging up my Japanese Knotweed, a highly invasive plant that has crept onto the property and can devastate water ways."

She appears undaunted by the work in front of her, and fueled by the progress she has made thus far.

### Rebuilding the Soil

A significant emphasis of Sophie's current focus involves preparing the land so that it is both fertile and makes the best use of resources. These efforts include terracing the land as well as building and refining a system of ditches and water storage ponds to more efficiently utilize the rain water. She is also planning a gray-water system which can be utilized to water plants.

In addition, she is rebuilding her soil. "Like many properties in the area, my topsoil was most likely sold years ago," Sophie continued, "The fertility of the land lies in the organic matter and the microbes that make up the top layer of earth. I'm mitigating my problem with organic matter." The rye, clover, and buckwheat which she planted, along with weeds growing on the property, will add a layer of material to start building upon.

In addition to plant mulch to augment the soil, Sophie is researching plans for a composting toilet to collect "humanure," a term coined by Joseph Jenkins in The Humanure Handbook. "Obviously this sounds icky," said Sophie, "but after several months of decomposition, humanure is safe to put on plants.

"This is extremely important in my See Forward on page 31



On the side stoop of the small farmhouse, Sophie Viandier takes a break with interns Jasper Cooper, Eva Moss, and McLean Zauner (in back). Jake Jones, the dog, takes a moment to relax, too. Photo: Jackson Bicknell

The Village Sweep



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mind, because it completes the cycle that has been broken by the modern 'take, make, waste' system; a linear one in which there are many ecological and economic consequences. In this system, I am returning the nutrients I took in the form of food from my land." Sophie clearly has a keen sense of recognizing resources which could easily be overlooked.

**Playing a Role in Andover**

In addition to her work in creating an environmentally sustainable property, a primary goal for Sophie is to examine the needs of the Andover community and determine how Pay It Forward Farm can play a role. She is committed to what she calls a "relocation of resources." The concept emphasizes that all community members have a direct impact on their neighbors. This in turn forces responsibility and produces a

begin offering classes and presentations on permaculture. She has already hosted presentations by the Andover Energy Group and permaculture tours of the property with Colby-Sawyer, Proctor Academy, and the UNH Cooperative Extension. She also routinely organizes plant exchanges through the central New Hampshire permaculture meet-up group at the farm.

For Sophie, teaching comes naturally, but she believes she could benefit from some proper teacher training. As a result, in August she plans to obtain her Permaculture Teacher Certification through D Acres, a not-for-profit educational center in Dorchester which specializes in sustainable living practices and organic farming.

Sophie's certification will help establish Pay it Forward Farm as an education center and sharpen her natural ability to teach. "Ideally, Pay It Forward will be an experiential education and demonstration site for the community focused on ecological restoration, food production, and 'green' building," she said.

Today, the farm is bustling more than ever with activity, as Sophie invited three individuals to intern for the summer. In exchange for work on the property and help with the Penacook Community Center Garden, her interns receive room, board, and knowledge about sustainability, permaculture, and how they can give back to their community.

Eva Moss, one of the three summer interns, explained what she has gained from her experience thus far: "Living here has prompted significant personal change, and I see that in little ways. I drive less, flush less, and spend less than ever, but more importantly, I'm getting an understanding for what a functional, affordable, and regenerative way of life looks like with permaculture at the core."

The magic of Pay It Forward Farm is already making an impact, even as it evolves. To learn more about what is going on, you can "like" Pay it Forward Farm on Facebook at Facebook.com/PayItForwardNH.



Sophie's permaculture plan for Pay It Forward Farm includes a fruit tree forest, many perennial beds, a greenhouse, and much, much more.

strong sense of community, as members deliberately strive to support their neighbors in various ways.

Sophie believes one of her contributions to community building will be through teaching about permaculture and sustainable living. In addition, she looks forward to providing a place for community events such as the recent art show she hosted of encaustic works by local artist Edibeth Farrington.

Her election this year as an Andover selectwoman will also provide her with a more complete understanding of the town's needs and how Pay It Forward Farm may contribute.

**Permaculture Education**

This winter, when work around the farm has slowed, Sophie would like to



New London nature photographer Kittie Wilson (standing at right) discussed protection of New Hampshire's loons with an audience of more than 50 at a July presentation in Bluewater Farm lodge on Bradley Lake. The talk was sponsored by the Andover Conservation as part of its "Taking Action for Wildlife" project. Tina Cotton (standing at left) videoed the presentation for Andover's community access cable TV station.

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**Lisa Jelleme Exhibits  
in First Friday Event**

**New London locations  
on August 1**

**Press release**

The community is invited to the Lake Sunapee Region Center for the Arts' First Friday program on August 1 from 5 to 7 PM. Gallery openings and artist's receptions are taking place at several New London locations. All Center for the Arts First Friday events are free and open to the public.

Lisa Jelleme of Andover and Grace Cooper have their works hanging at the Banks Gallery at 207 Main Street, New London. Their pictures represent a select group of emerging and established artists.

The micro-gallery at New London Inn, 140 Main Street, will host the work of husband and wife Mary and David Blohm, residents of Lake Sunapee. They have named their joint exhibit "It's Art in the Family."

Sooson Donholter will exhibit her work at the Zero Celsius Wealth micro-gallery at 228 Main Street. She describes her work as sophisticated, yet whimsical, contemporary fine art.

The Banks Gallery and the Center for the Art will offer a reception at the gallery from 5 to 7 PM. Tom Pirozzoli will provide music. The Banks Gallery will donate 10% of all art sales that evening to the Center for the Arts.



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**By Janet Moore, Library Trustee**

In what has become an annual ritual, I will now give thanks to those who made the Fourth of July book sale a wildly successful event.

To Priscilla and all the other Poulins; Gail Fitzpatrick and Gary; Kathy Bennett and the Boy Scouts; Gail

Richards; Shirley Currier; John Cotton; Sandra and all the other Graves; Deb Brower; Susan Chase; Anne Hewitt; and my sister and brother – many, many thanks.

The rain may have cancelled the parade and the flea market, but it had only a positive effect on the Libraries' summer fundraiser.

Oops, I can't forget Proctor Security for managing the Stone Chapel, and Hannaford's for their generous bag donation.

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## Laurie Zimmerman Publishes Her First Collection of Poems

Praised as a “rich, reliable tutorial in soul-making”

### Press release

A collection of poems by Andover’s Laurie Zimmerman, since 1989 a member of the English department faculty at Proctor Academy, has been published by Quercus Review Press, which is also honoring her as an Annual Book Award Winner in poetry.

Titled *Bright Exit*, the collection is described by fellow poet Gillian Wegener as “a study in loss – loss of names, loss of identity, loss of relationships, loss of footing in the world... But these losses do not drown the poet or the reader. Instead, Laurie’s poetry provides a tender and sure kind of lift out of what could be despair. Her words move the reader toward an understanding that even such a collection of losses can lead us toward a new sense of self and the world around us all.”

A second reviewer, poet Tony Hoagland, writes of the 83-page volume, “Honesty will never go out of fashion in poetry, especially as it is channeled through the clean lyrics of Laurie Zimmerman’s *Bright Exit*. These poems are so searching; they press against the veil of appearances, demanding to learn the truth of what’s really there – tender-hearted, and sensuous, sure, but equally smart and tough-minded; repeatedly, impressively refusing easy sentimentality. It’s that rigor of honesty that makes these poems the rich, reliable tutorial in soul-making that they are. I relish them.”



Laurie Zimmerman’s first book of poetry, *Bright Exit*, has been published to much praise.

*Bright Exit*, available at Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London, is Laurie’s first poetry collection. In its “Acknowledgments,” she expresses gratitude for support from Andover residents Ethney McMahon, Susan Norris, and Sarah Will, and from longtime friend and mentor Donald Hall of Wilmot.

Laurie’s work has been featured in over a dozen publications and online at *Verse Daily* and the Academy of American Poets’ Web site, among others. Laurie is the recipient of the New Letters Award in Poetry and the River Styx International Poetry Contest prize.

*Bright Exit*, her first full-length collection, was a finalist for several poetry awards and prizes. Her poetry has been featured on New Hampshire Public Radio, and she was the recipient of a writing fellowship from the University of New Orleans. She is former poetry editor at *Radix Magazine*.

## Andover Pair to “Bookend” Literary Contest

Provide inspiration, judging

### Press release

Two Andover residents are lending their talents to help a New London-based literary group stimulate and reward creative writing in the local area.

The two will be figurative “bookends” in a writing contest to be sponsored by the Literary Arts Guild, an arm of the Center for the Arts, Lake Sunapee region. The contest will run from Monday, August 11, to Saturday, September 12, and is open to all with no entry fee.

Andover’s Larry Chase and Laurie Zimmerman will figure prominently at the contest’s beginning and ending, respectively.

At the outset, entrants will be asked to peruse an online collection of Larry’s photographs with the common theme of “Circles and Spheres.” They will then be invited to write, in poetry or prose, a page or less about an inspiration drawn from one or more of the photos. The photos can be viewed online at CenterForTheArtsNH.org beginning on August 11.

At the conclusion of the contest, entries will be judged by Laurie, a Proctor Academy English teacher whose poetry collection, *Bright Exit*, has just been published by the Quercus Review Press. Winners chosen by her will join Literary Arts Guild members and others at a public awards ceremony and late afternoon reception hosted by Lake Sunapee Bank at its branch office at 321 Main Street, New London, on Friday, October 3. Laurie will also read selections from her new book at the reception.

Twelve of Larry’s photos will also be on public display at the bank during the months of September and October. After the October 3 reception, winning contest entries will also be on display.

Lake Sunapee Bank and the Tatewell Gallery of New London are active supporters and co-sponsors of the contest and longtime supporters of local arts and artists.

For the complete contest rules, visit CenterForTheArtsNH.org or contact Joan Doran, Arts Guild chair, at [ttjdtd@tds.net](mailto:ttjdtd@tds.net).

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From *Bright Exit*.

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## Andover Artists Exhibit at "Imagination into Art"

WCA event draws over 150 people

### Press release

The Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) second annual Imagination into Art event, held June 27 and 28, drew rave reviews from attendees and artists alike. More than 150 people attended the two-day event that featured the works of nearly 20 local artists, including Tom Barber, Jay Koron, and Holly Noyes of Andover.

"What a lovely time we had at Imagination into Art! Congrats to all," said Lindy Heim of Wilmot. "I so look forward to this particular event, which shows off Wilmot's artsy side and is so much fun. The food was divine, and everyone looked like they were having fun."

Volunteers, including Ann Davis, Margaret Doody, Mary Fanelli, Tom Hauck, Pam Ilg, Patty McGoldrick, Margaret and John Monto, Nancy Schlosser and Tom Schamberg, ensured the event's success.

"We were very pleased to host a show that featured so many local artists," said Judy Hauck, WCA board member and organizer of Imagination into Art.

Artists from Andover, Danbury, Newbury, New London, Springfield, and Wilmot included Tom Barber, Dick Chase, Kristen Ash Chertikhin, Vlad Chertikhin, Caroline Fairless, Sue Finney, Jane Gold, Zack Jonas, Ann Feeley Kieffer, Jay Koron, Nancee Leach, David Lorden, Terry Moore, Ciara Morin, Holly Noyes, Myrl Phelps,

Steve and Sue Russell, Nancy Schlosser, and Lynn Solomon.

"The atmosphere was very relaxed," said one artist. "It was nice not to worry about sales and instead concentrate on sharing information with others about the art we love."



Jay Koron of Andover works on one of his rooster paintings at the Imagination into Art event.

The WCA, which was established in 1963, owns and operates the Red Barn, a facility with a function room, commercial kitchen, and meeting room on Village Road in Wilmot. 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, the Pie Breakfast, Harvest Home Luncheon, Scarecrow Decorating Contest, Halloween trick or treating for children, the annual holiday craft fair, and the Wilmot Express. For more information, call 526-7934 or visit [WilmotCommunityAssociation.org](http://WilmotCommunityAssociation.org).

## Gillian Smith Part of Craftsmen League Exhibit

Circles, Squares, and Triangles in Concord

### Press release

A fine craft exhibition presented by the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen offers a new perspective on the simple geometric shapes that we see in everyday life. *Circles, Squares & Triangles: The Shape of Things to Come* is a multi-media exhibition of the work of 63 master craftsmen – all juried members of the League – that explores the simple and complex shapes formed along the boundaries of imagination. Among the exhibitors is Gillian Smith of Andover.

The exhibition features handcrafted jewelry, wood, fiber, clay, photography, metal, glass, calligraphy, prints, and mixed media that depict various lines, shapes, and colors. Some of the fine craft on display include: a handmade quilt that illustrates New England's springtime light through the placement of squares, rectangles and small circles; a detailed model of a stucco house that looks like it is blowing in the wind, tak-

ing on a whimsical new shape; a fabric necklace with round beads that represent buttons. Most of the items in the exhibition are available for purchase.

The exhibition runs until Friday, September 26, at The Gallery at The Craft Center. The Gallery is located at 49 South Main Street, Suite 100, in Concord and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Thursdays until 7 PM), and Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM.

The League also displays a new selection of fine craft from its more than 300-lot permanent collection at the Grodin Permanent Collection Museum at the League headquarters. This collection includes craft from the League's early years to the present, including pieces made by some of the world's renowned craftspeople, such as Otto and Vivika Heino and Edwin and Mary Scheier.

The museum provides fascinating insights into the evolution of fine craft and should not be missed. Admission to the museum is free.

## Jay Fitzpatrick Offers Class in Digital Photography

Course and workshop on August 16 and 23

### Press release

Want to take better pictures? Understand your camera and its various settings? This class is for you.

Introduction to Digital Photography, a short course and workshop, will be offered at the Bachelder Library in East Andover on two consecutive Saturdays, August 16 and 23.

This program is designed to give you a better understanding of how the selection of F-stops, shutter speeds, ISO settings, and white balance affects your final images. Learn about various shooting modes, depth-of-field, motion blur, photo composition, and photo editing software.

Also to be discussed: lenses, camera care, natural and artificial light sources,

flash units and studio lighting, light manipulation, and the use of tripods.

A variety of free resources designed to help you take better pictures and become a more creative photographer will be shared.

At the end of the first session, students will be asked to shoot a series of photographs applying to the lessons learned in class. The following week, those images will be viewed and discussed.

The class, offered by F8 Photography of East Andover, runs from 8 AM to noon on both dates. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes instruction and course materials. Class size is limited to 15. Payment may be made at the door.

Participants will be asked to bring their cameras, lenses, flash units, and instruction manuals. To register or for more information, send an e-mail to [jam@tds.net](mailto:jam@tds.net) or call 455-6595.



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## Nancy Tripp Sings Johnny Mercer at The Fells

On the veranda on Sunday, August 10

### Press release

Come to the Veranda of The Fells in Newbury and enjoy the music of one of America's finest songwriters.

Johnny Mercer is considered a "pure American" lyricist. Writing as part of the "golden guild," which included Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and George Gershwin, he brought a Southern style to his lyrics and to his singing that evokes the landscapes and Black influences of his youth.

Nancy Tripp brings Mercer's music to The Fells with stories of his life and songs. Jeepers Creepers, Fools Rush In, That Old Black Magic, and Satin Doll are just a few of the offerings.

Nancy will perform with her trio of Andy Bourke on bass, Mike Parker on saxophone, and David Newsam on guitar. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres



Nancy Tripp performs at The Fells on August 10.

and a wine bar from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The concert begins at 5:30 PM, rain or shine. The cost is \$30 per person. Reserve online at TheFells.org (click "Happenings"), or call 763-4789 x3.

## Cuba - Music and Images from the Forbidden Island

Walden Chamber Players on August 7

### Press release

On Thursday, August 7, at 7:30 PM at the First Baptist Church in New London, the Summer Music Associates presents Cuba – Music and Images from the Forbidden Island performed by the Walden Chamber Players.



The Walden Chamber Players will perform music from Cuba on Thursday, August 7, at 7:30 PM at the First Baptist Church in New London.

Founded in 1997, the Boston-based Walden Chamber Players has garnered a reputation for being one of the most exciting and versatile chamber groups performing today. Critics have hailed its performances of everything from Bach to Schoenberg, and Chamber Music America Magazine raves, "A season spent with the Walden Chamber Players is a time for discovery." The success of its performances, recordings, and educational curricula has earned it a place as one of the most sought-after chamber

ensembles in the United States.

The musical selections will include Jose White's La Bella Cubana for two violins and piano; Joaquin Nin's Seguidilla Espanola for cello and guitar; Lecuona's Malaguena for piano; Ignacio Cervantes's Seven Cuban Dances for string quartet; the world premiere of Jorge Martin's Serenata for violin and piano; Leo Brouwer's El Decameron Negro for guitar; and Tulio Peramo Cabrera's 3 Imagenes Cubanas for guitar and string quartet.

Performers are Robert Bekkers, guitar; Irina Muresanu and Olga Patramanskaya-Bell, violin; Christof Huebner, viola; Ashima Scripp, cello; and Kristhyan Benitez, piano.

Join us at 6:30 PM for a photographic exhibition by artist Doug Munch and a thought-provoking lecture on the musical history and culture of Cuba by speaker Benjamin Willis.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$5 for students and are available at Summer Music Associates, PO Box 603, New London 03257; at 526-8234; at SummerMusicAssociates.com; at the door; or by cash or check only at Morgan Hill Bookstore, Tatewell Gallery, or the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce.

## Wilmot Bandstand Features Andover Talent

Lindsey Schust and her band on August 9

### Press release

Free concerts, presented by the Town of Wilmot, the Wilmot Bandstand Committee, and the Wilmot Community Association (WCA), will continue through August 16 on the Wilmot Town Green at the intersection of Kearsarge Valley and Village roads in Wilmot. Nick's Other Band performed on July 12, and you can enjoy Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band on August 9. Concerts are from 6 to 8

PM on Saturdays. Free popcorn, underwritten by Country Houses Real Estate, is available.

The upcoming schedule is:

**August 2:** The Cloud Band – country and rock 'n' roll. Food sold by Wilmot Ladies Aid Society. **August 9:** Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band – country, bluegrass, and folk. Food sold by Pine Hill Cemetery Association. **August 16:** Brock Hill Bluegrass. Food sold by Friends of the Wilmot Public Library.

For more information, visit WilmotCommunityAssociation.org or call 526-7934.



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## Andover Service Club Honors Two Members

Irene Jewett, Gisela Darling, for outstanding service

By Mary T. Ofenloch  
Andover Service Club, President

Since 1958, when the Andover Service Club (ASC) was formed, there have been outstanding members who have spent many hours volunteering to serve the community. Ladies work at the ASC Thrift Shop; help with fundraising events, pie, and bake sales; make and serve election day lunches, etc. The finances raised by these activities help to fund ASC scholarships, the Andover Food Pantry, The Andover Beacon, the Scouts, AE/MS, Danbury School, Kearsarge Council on Aging, the Blazing Star Grange, the Northern Rail Trail, Child and Family Services, and many more.

To recognize these hard-working ladies, the Executive Board awards honorary memberships for many years of service. In the past, honorees have included Margaret Fenton, Ruth Fopiano, Arlyne French, Marjorie Leber, Julie Mayo, Rosalie Ovenden, Grace Stetson, and Barbara Upton.

This year, on June 11 at 74 Main in New London during the annual June meeting and luncheon, Irene Jewett, an ASC member for many years, received the Honorary Member Award. Irene has been a volunteer worker at the Thrift Shop, a refreshment hostess at ASC meetings, chair of Mason's dinners, liaison with the Andover Congregational Church and the Highland Lake Grange Hall, and a willing volunteer whenever her help was needed.

Gisela Darling was the second honoree, but was unable to attend the June luncheon. Therefore, the Executive

Board presented the Honorary Member Award to her during a special lunch at The Graze on July 11. Gisela was past president from 2001 to 2003 and chairlady of the Thrift Shop from 2004 to the present day. She also volunteers whenever she is needed.

There are many deserving members,



Gisela Darling with her Honorary Membership award from the Andover Service Club. Irene Jewett received hers at an earlier meeting; her photo was in the July issue of the Beacon. Photo: Mary Ofenloch

and choosing an Honorary Member is not taken lightly. ASC bylaws' criteria states "a member who has given outstanding service to the club may be proposed to the Executive Board for election by the board. For such members, dues will not be required." The last time the award was presented was in June, 2011.

Choosing the honoree has always been difficult, because there are so many deserving members. The Executive Board applauds all of the ladies who work so diligently to fulfill the mission of ASC. They are all wonderful!

For more information about the ASC, e-mail Mary Ofenloch, President, at [MaryO.ASCLub@live.com](mailto:MaryO.ASCLub@live.com).

## Big Upgrades to EAVP's Playground

Still registering for the new school year

By Elizabeth Janvrin, EAVP Director

Summer camp at the East Andover Village Preschool (EAVP) is in full swing. We have welcomed new friends and teachers. We have celebrated America's birthday and taken a trip to outer space. We have transformed into mad scientists and explored a variety of recipes and materials to create bouncy balls and magic potions.

All of us entered training to learn how to be secret agents and superheroes. Recently, we took a trip to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium to view a show about space from the Magic Treehouse series and to explore the hands-on stations for a more in-depth look at space. We have plans to visit Pizza Chef and to

see Musicville at the New London Barn Playhouse for other trips.

Every Tuesday, our summer group has joined Ms. Gail at the Bachelder Library for story time, during which we read stories and participate in a corresponding activity or craft.

If you have passed by the school recently, you have probably noticed the construction occurring on our playground. We have updated our sandbox and swings. We have added a hill with a climbing wall and a bike track. All of the children are very excited for the new outside activities and have especially enjoyed running races down the hill.

Our 2014-2015 school year is quickly approaching. If you are looking to enroll in a preschool program, contact Elizabeth at [EAVP@tds.net](mailto:EAVP@tds.net) or 735-5105 for more information.

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Preschoolers from the Imagination Inn look on intently as Jacqui Morris, Chloe Methven, Ana Brown, Avery Bouthiette, and Scout Armstrong (in the box), all members of the Andover Avant-Garde 4-H Club, demonstrate that with a little creativity, anything can be a prop. Samantha Parkman and Britta Johnson are also members of the club.

## Andover 4-H Creates Interactive Theater Experience for Pre-Schoolers

Building leadership skills and collaboration

By Ana Brown  
Andover 4-H Club member

Once upon a time in a land far, far away ... oh, wait. Wrong story.

Here we go: Once upon the 25th of June, the Andover Avant-Garde 4-H Club performed an interactive children's theater show at the Andover Library's Preschool Story Hour, and they all lived happily ever after ... once the rainbow-caped, candy-thieving Mr. Scaryman was discovered.

When the Avant-Garde needed a community service project, they brainstormed for something new and unique that matched the club's goals and interests. When the children's theater idea grabbed the group's attention, they

sought the expertise of theater professionals Sarah Edmunds (AE/MS) and Terry Stoecker (Proctor Academy).

From there, inspiration shot around like sparks from a campfire. Club members worked together to design a program with interactive warm-up activities, improvisational skits, and spontaneous imagination exercises. After hours of planning, collaboration, and practice, performance day came, and the real fun began. Twenty eager and enthusiastic preschoolers were just the ticket.

Besides expanding on the club members' theatrical interests, the experience built leadership skills, teaching skills, and gave seven independent thinkers the opportunity to work together to create something fun and productive for the community. Even Mr. Scaryman had a good "Once upon a time ..."

### Kaity Colburn and Evan Ambrose

Kaity Colburn, the daughter of Gretchen Hildebrand and Ken Colburn, has become engaged to Evan Ambrose. Their wedding will be celebrated in August at The Liberty House on the Hudson River, overlooking Manhattan.

Kaity attended Proctor Academy and Drew University. Evan is from Mount Vernon, New York and attended New York University and New York University Law School. Kaity and Evan both live and work in Manhattan.

Photo: Josh Wong Photography



## Andover Congregational Hosts Vacation Bible School, Service at Beach

Flea Market on the Village Green, August 30

### Press release

The Andover Congregational Church (ACC) will be having a Vacation Bible School at the church during the week of August 11 through 15 from 9 AM to noon. Call Bonnie Wesley at 735-5486 for further information and to register.

The ACC will be holding its Sunday, August 17, service at Highland Lake Beach followed by a picnic, and we invite all of you to join us. You may bring a dish to share and a chair, though neither is necessary to attend. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided. So please join us at 9:30 AM under the tent at the beach on the 17th.

The church will once again be sponsoring a Flea Mart and Bake Sale on Saturday, August 30, on the Andover Village Green. This draws a huge crowd, with about 25 or 30 set-ups to visit. Refreshments will also be for sale. Again, call Bonnie Wesley to reserve a spot or for further information.

### Bell Cradle Replaced

We have had to have the bell cradle in the church steeple replaced due to inclement weather over the years rotting the boards. This project is nearing completion. We thank all who helped in any way, but a huge "Thank you!" to John

and Joyce Bourdon who spearheaded the project and did the majority of the work!

### Alpha and Beta

In the fall, we will be starting up Bible Studies and the ever popular Alpha program, as well as a Beta program. We will also resume our singing at nursing homes. We have intercessory prayer time at the church from 7 to 8 PM on Saturday nights.

We have lots going on, and would be happy to share God's word and God's love with you. So join us any Sunday at 9:30 AM.

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### Press release

Five New Hampshire residents have been awarded the Sandra C. Labaree Award by the New England Division of the American Cancer Society. This volunteer award is the most honored accolade by the New England Division.

The 2014 recipients are Lisa Brunelle, Glen; Larry Disenhof, Salem; Steve Juster, Londonderry; Kimberly Laro, Andover; and Donna Wilbur, Concord.

What follows is the letter by American Cancer Society staffer George Samaras in which he nominated Andover's Kimberly Laro for this prestigious award.

"Kimberly Laro of Andover is the Public Relations Chair for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (MS-ABC) in Concord. She has used every avenue to promote the American Cancer Society. She has written numerous articles, spoken at events and on the radio, convinced the whole City of Concord to go 'Pink,' as well as being a fantastic resource to the media.

"Kimberly is never one to say no. She developed a public relations presentation for other Public Relations Chairs to learn from the incredible impact she has had with her promotion efforts. She gave tips like: Put your media kit on a

zip drive, so it will be easier for the media to use. (Her zip drives were pink!)

"Kimberly has spoken at MSABC training events for new volunteers as well as developed a video for Strides meeting that leaves the audience filled with compassion and the enthusiasm to help finish the fight against cancer.

"I cannot think of anyone more deserving of recognition than Kimberly Laro. Here is what her fellow volunteer and friend Kathi Russ has to say about Kimberly: 'Kimberly Laro: A true reflection of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Kimberly's sincere dedication, endless energy, creative expression, and talents have truly impacted the success of Making Strides in Concord.'

"Kimberly has grown with the American Cancer Society. She has been a team leader, volunteer chair of Publicity, and for two years event chair of Making Strides in Concord. She led our community to two record-breaking years of fundraising, raising over \$1.1 million for the American Cancer Society in those two years. She continues to be the volunteer Director of Publicity today.

"She is extraordinarily generous with her time and resources, helping our community to embrace more people and raise more money to help the American Cancer Society fund research and programs to support people



Kimberly Laro of Andover received the highest award of the New England Division of the American Cancer Society for her tireless work on the annual Making Strides event in Concord.

with cancer. Her focus on properly branding Making Strides and sharing the mission and messages of the American Cancer Society, combined with her gift of sincere writing and the understanding that fundraising with heart is a critical component of our success, make her incredibly effective.

"Kimberly has been a Making Strides participant on Sarah's Soldiers for 14 years. She often starts her comments with, 'I am a Sarah's Soldier. This team is what brought me to Making Strides 14 years ago and keeps me coming back. Our team honors my friend Sarah, who lost her battle with breast cancer at 24.'

"She continues, 'I feel an obligation to make strides against breast cancer, because I can. There are many things in life you don't get a choice in, like being diagnosed with cancer. By participating in Making Strides, I am making a choice to make a difference in the lives of so many who have been touched by breast cancer.

"I am amazed by the generosity of people, doing and giving whatever they can to support this event. I am inspired by all the cancer survivors who make strides.

"I believe there are two ways to become a survivor: You can survive the disease, or you can survive the loss. Survivors have given so much to this disease, physically and emotionally, but

they continue to give back and inspire us all.

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is not about one of us. It is about all of us, as breast cancer affects far too many of us. There is strength in our numbers, both in the comfort and support we can offer each other, and in the difference we can make in the fight against breast cancer by allowing the American Cancer Society to help people get well, stay well, and fight back against breast cancer.'

"It is an honor for us to nominate Kimberly Laro for the Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Award."

### About the Award

The Sandra C. Labaree Volunteer Values Award recognizes and honors those volunteers whose actions and service in the fight against cancer most exemplify the American Cancer Society's organizational values. These awards are very special reminders of the power volunteers have to save lives and reduce suffering from cancer. They are also imbued with special meaning because they are named in honor of the late Sandy Labaree, a Society volunteer from Maine and founding member of the New England Division Board.

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Emily Laro, daughter of Roger Jr. and Kimberly Laro, recently received her Associates degree in Veterinary Technology from Great Bay Community College. Emily is employed as a Veterinary Technician at Blackwater Veterinary Services in Salisbury.

## Blair Southworth Heads to Indonesia as a Fulbright Scholar

Teaching climate change for nearly a year

By Scott Allenby  
Proctor Academy

Blair Southworth's journey at Proctor began long before most of her Class of 2009 classmates. Born to Alex and Peter Southworth, current English teacher and soccer/lacrosse coach, while they were dorm parents in Johnson House, Blair grew up on Proctor's campus.

During her time as a student at Proctor, she distinguished herself as a tremendous soccer and lacrosse player and as an artist who spent hours in Slocumb Hall. Her journey then took her to Connecticut College.

While at Connecticut College, the environmental studies major has taken full advantage of the opportunities the school has provided, taking part in the "Teach Away" program and spending a full term teaching English in Hanoi, Vietnam. Now that graduation from Connecticut College is behind her, Blair has the opportunity of a lifetime as she prepares to travel to Jakarta, Indonesia as a Fulbright Scholar, where she will teach about climate change and its impact on Indonesian culture.

Blair noted in a recent Connecticut College press release, "I expect many aspects of this coming year to be demanding. It's daunting to know that I will be pushed and challenged in unique ways, but it is also one of the core reasons I chose to do a Fulbright."

In a recent conversation back on Proctor's campus, she added, "I think I am most excited for the sense of adventure and challenge that accompanies going to a completely foreign culture and country. I am excited to teach in a classroom and to form relationships with my students and the community I enter."

"At this point, there is so much I don't

know about what is to come. This is the feeling that has always made me passionate about exploring the world and the reason that I am scared and nervous,

but overwhelmingly motivated, to take the leap."

This passion for exploration has been fostered over a lifetime, but certainly has roots in her four years as a Proctor student. "The relationships I made during high school, and before that through all of my fac-brat years, have continued to be some of the most inspiring and influential of my life. Proctor is a community full of role models. George Emeny comes to mind, and I only hope that going forward

I can embody a fraction of his passion and zest for life.

"I have been lucky enough to travel and work in many different places, but each time I come back to Andover and the Proctor community, it is really like coming home."

Her father, Peter, adds, "I see much of her desire to travel and be involved in field science originally nurtured during her term on Proctor's Mountain Classroom. Her term studying in Vietnam with 15 Conn College students gave her the chance to use the communication and group living skills from Mountain Classroom."

What is abundantly clear is that Blair possesses the kind of confidence, sense of adventure, and desire to positively impact the community around her we hope each graduate takes with them as they move on from Proctor. That confidence is evident in her simple willingness to apply for the Fulbright Scholarship. She notes, "I became interested during my junior year, when in one of my activism classes a dean came to advocate for the opportunity. It immediately struck my interest."

"I had never been very sure of the career or immediate post-grad path,

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Blair Southworth, Proctor '09 and Connecticut College '14, will be teaching about climate change in Indonesia as a Fulbright Scholar in the coming year.

## Roxanne Shedd Appointed as Area Business Leader

Will support Lake Sunapee Bank branch managers

Press release

Lake Sunapee Bank has made changes to our Retail Banking network with the appointment of Area Business Leaders. Area Business Leaders (ABLs) will play a central role in furthering our commitment of providing excellent customer service and first-class banking and financial services for every stage of life.

Angie Lyman, Senior Vice President and Director of Retail Banking, says, "The concept of Area Business Leaders is in direct response to our organization's growth and our shared commitment to give A+ customer service."

ABLs have been designated throughout our markets and will be responsible for providing direct, local support for branch managers and supervisors in

those regions. Other responsibilities of the ABLs will include serving a larger role with other retail operations such as the deployment of operational efficiencies, regulatory needs, as well as sales and service.

Roxanne Shedd of Andover, VP Retail Manager for the Newport Road, New London office, was one of six bank employees appointed as an ABL. Roxanne has been with the bank since 1986 and will serve as ABL for the greater New London region.

The five other new ABLs are:

- Melissa Case, for the Rutland/Brandon, Vermont region
- Jodi Pecor, for the Randolph, Vermont region
- Sheila Rook, for the Upper Valley New Hampshire/Vermont region
- Jessica Walker, for the greater Claremont region
- Janet Vaughan, for the Southern New Hampshire region.



Roxanne Shedd of Andover will support branch managers and supervisors at Lake Sunapee Bank offices throughout the greater New London area.

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## Chuck and Sarah Will Retire from Proctor Academy

### 38 years and thousands of relationships

By Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The beauty of human existence lies in our ability to form relationships with one another. Each relationship we form with someone is unique. The type of humor we use, the level of trust we share, the respect we have for the other person varies based on how that relationship has developed over time.

Over the past 38 years, Chuck and Sarah Will have formed thousands of truly meaningful relationships with the students, faculty, and families they have interacted with as educators at Proctor Academy and as members of the Andover community. While Chuck and Sarah will be retiring this year, the relationships they have with all of us will endure, as will their engagement in the Andover community.

The first of those relationships began to form at Proctor in the spring of 1976 when Chuck, a 25-year-old graduate student at the University of New Hampshire, visited Proctor to explore a position teaching US history. He liked what he saw.

"I had attended a couple of prep schools as a kid and had not been very happy, so when David Fowler spoke about academic support, experiential learning, and an egalitarian community, I knew I wanted to start teaching

here," Chuck recalls. "The informality of the school was very novel and appealing to me."

Chuck agreed to stay as an unpaid intern and moved into a third floor room in Gannett House. Chuck's college sweetheart, Sarah Ousley, began teaching English at Winnisquam Regional High School in nearby Tilton that fall. As Chuck says, the rest is history: They married in 1977; moved into Carriage House; and Sarah joined Proctor's English Department in 1979.

Proctor was a smaller school of approximately 260 students at that time, and limited resources necessitated that Sarah coach both varsity and junior varsity girls' soccer and lacrosse, practicing as one squad and playing back-to-back games home and away. Times have changed a bit!

She succeeded Tom Eslick as English Department Chair, a role she enjoyed for more than two decades. She notes, "The department has a long tradition for excellent teachers, creativity, and collaboration. I was proud to serve as its Chair for many years."

Sarah has touched the lives of approximately 2,000 students as a demanding, fair, and inspiring teacher and advisor. Head of School Mike Henriques has said that, "Sarah Will is simply one of the great teachers I have known. She holds students to the highest academic standards, and they re-

spond to her command of subject matter, her wit, and her love."

Tina Walker '86 sent a note describing her relationship with Sarah. "I recently saw Sarah after many years of absences from each other's lives, and I was flooded with all the loving and car-

view. That's what makes it unique."

Reflecting on his career, Chuck says, "I get great joy seeing Proctor prosper. In terms of facilities, it's a very different school from the one I knew in '76, but at a human level it is the same place. My relationships today are as rewarding for me as they are for students, and that has never changed. It will be tough to be separated from the school, but it's time."

During June's commencement exercises, Chuck and Sarah handed out diplomas to the Class of 2014, receiving a hug from all 98 graduating students. Following graduation, they will commence on their own journey as they say farewell to the Proctor community, but not to the Andover community.

Thirty-eight years is an incredible amount of time to invest in a community. They



After 38 years educating students at Proctor, Chuck and Sarah Will retired at the end of the 2014 school year.

ing emotions I had for this incredible woman, teacher, mother, and friend! How blessed I was to have her in my early years to help form who I have become as an adult."

Chuck's career at Proctor included years as Social Science Department Chair, Academic Dean, Director of Admission and Financial Aid, and Director of Communications – a position he has held since 1998. In this latter role, he embraced electronic communication, as Proctor became the first school in the nation to replace newsletters and magazines with customized "push pages."

But it is as the author of a highly popular, witty, photo blog – Chuck's Corner – that he is best known. This blog has set the bar for authentic independent school communications nationwide, with nearly 3,000 blog posts shaping the Proctor narrative over the past 15 years. "I'm grateful to the school, and the administration in particular, for giving me the permission and trust to be a voice for Proctor without editorial re-

have been integral to Proctor's evolution as a school, and to the town of Andover. Through volunteer engagement – between them serving on The Andover Beacon's Board of Directors, the Andover Historical Society's Board of Directors, as AE/MS soccer referees, and on the Proctor/Andover Liaison Committee – the Wills have been integral members of both the Andover and Proctor communities.

Chuck and Sarah: from the bottom of our hearts, thank you! Thank you for all you have given to this community as educators, leaders, colleagues, and friends. Thank you for investing your lives in this school and for impacting each of us in a unique way. Thank you for the institutional wisdom you have shared over the years. Thank you for understanding what makes this school special and for weaving your own pattern into the fabric of this community.

May the next chapter you write be as fruitful, enjoyable, and impactful as the one you finished writing this year. 🚗

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and a Fulbright seemed an excellent way to gain experience teaching and knowledge of another country through a respected and accredited institution. I began meeting with Dean Dreher, the Dean of Fellowships and Scholarships, last summer and worked with her through the fall on my application. For a very short application, it took the edits and comments from countless teachers and friends to reach the final product. I was 'endorsed' by the New York City Fulbright headquarters and then became a finalist for my country of interest, and eventually received the award."

Blair adds, "I am very honored to have received a Fulbright. Beyond my own academic journey, this opportuni-

ty comes as a product of all the support and encouragement I have received over the years, especially from my teachers, coaches, mentors, and friends at Proctor. For this, I am incredibly thankful."



Art was one of Blair's passions while she was at Proctor. Photo: Chuck Will

Congratulations to Blair on this outstanding achievement. We cannot wait to hear updates from Indonesia over the coming year! 🚗

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# OBITUARIES

**BARBARA SARGENT UPTON**, age 90, wife of George Thomas Upton, died on June 28, 2014 in Topeka, Kansas after enduring 12 years of Alzheimer's disease.

She was born Barbara Lois Sargent on February 23, 1924 in Malden, Massachusetts, daughter of Pearl Hallworth Sargent and Walter Sargent.

Her family moved to Contoocook when she was seven and later to Concord, where she graduated from Concord High School and met George. She graduated summa cum laude from University of New Hampshire in the spring of 1945 and married her husband on November 2, 1945, the day he graduated from the US Naval Reserve Midshipmen School.

After leaving the Navy in 1946, the couple moved to Stratford, Connecticut, where George began working for Chance Vought Aircraft. They moved with the company to Dallas, Texas and lived there for 31 years.

While in Dallas, Barbara was an active volunteer in her children's schools and a member of the League of Women Voters. She served as chairman of a remedial reading program for high school students after the schools were integrated.

In 1979, Barbara and George retired to Andover and lived in a lovely Cape

Cod style farmhouse built in 1791. She enjoyed gardening, skiing, and mountain climbing in the White Mountains of her childhood.

Barbara and George started the Andover Historical Society, and Barbara continued to serve others in the Andover Service Club. They celebrated 60 years of marriage with a family reunion at Bretton Woods in 2005, where they climbed down Mount Washington together. In 2009, she moved with her husband to Topeka, Kansas to be closer to their family.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband George, to whom she was married for 68 years, her three children: Susan (Tom) Hudiburgh of Carrolton, Texas; Tom (Nancy) Upton of Sausalito, California; Nan (Hank) Nelson of Topeka, Kansas; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and her brother Richard (Martha) Sargent of Springfield, Virginia. She was predeceased by brother Herbert Sargent and her sister, Ruth Foote.

A private graveside service was held on July 3 at Memorial Park Cemetery and a memorial service is planned for 2 PM on July 21 at Topeka Bible Church, Topeka, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Historical Society, PO Box 167, Andover 03216

**BUDD H. KEYSER**, 73, of Cape Coral, Florida, passed away on June 29, 2014 at his home. He was born in Andover on August 22, 1940 to Harold and Georgiana Keyser. Budd graduated from Andover High School in 1958, joined the United States Air Force, and served honorably from 1958 to 1962.

He worked for Home Depot in Cape Coral, Florida for 13 years before retiring to focus on his hobbies and his family: N A S C A R, small engine repair, American Legion, and one of his favorite past-times, fixing everything and anything for family and friends – no job was too small or too big.

He moved to Cape Coral, Florida in 2000 from New London and was an active member of the American Legion in Cape Coral from 2010 to 2014.

He is survived by his son, Danny J. Keyser of Lehigh Acres, daughter Beth (Jeff) Mitchell of Andover, stepson Daniel K. Witcher of Manassas, Virginia, and two step-daughters, Rebecca Witcher and Ruth (John) Ko-

loski of Claremont, one brother, John (Mary) Keyser of Andover, three sisters, Yvonne Ireland of Tilton, Annette (Henry) Stevens of Wilmot, and Toni (Robert) Myrick of Willow Springs, Missouri, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Please visit FullerMetz.com to view Budd's Life Tribute and share a memory or condolence.

**RUTH MAY (PETERS) COURTEMANCHE**, 78, a resident of Franklin, died on June 30, 2014, at Concord Hospital following a period of failing health. Ruth was born in Wilmot on April 15, 1936, daughter of the late Fred and Hazel (Cilley) Peters. She spent her youth in Andover and was a graduate of Andover High School, class of 1954.

She had resided in Franklin for over 60 years. She was employed for over 23 years in the laundry department at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscowen, retiring as supervisor. Ruth

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was a former member of the Franklin Emblem Club and the Lakes Region Snowmobile Club.

Her family includes her husband of 58 years, Paul G. Courtemanche of Franklin, her daughter, Carol A. Courtemanche of Northfield, sons David W. Courtemanche of Westport, Massachusetts, and Kevin J. Courtemanche and his wife, Regina, of Belmont, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, her brother, Robert E. Peters of Andover, her sister, Helen M. Hardy of Franklin, nieces, and nephews.

According to Ruth's wishes, a private graveside service will be held for her family at Holy Cross Cemetery in Franklin. Those wishing may make contributions in her name to Franklin VNA and Hospice, 75 Chestnut Street, Franklin 03235. For more information go to SmartFuneralHome.com.

**LUCILLE D. GAUDETTE**, 81, a resident of Franklin for over 60 years, died on July 1, 2014, at the Peabody Home in Franklin surrounded by her family. Lucille was born in Edwards, New York, on February 16, 1933, the daughter of Arthur and Minnie (Langley) Braley. She grew up in Hill and Andover and graduated from Andover High School in 1952. After high school, she worked at Sulloway Hosiery Mill, where she met her husband, Raymond Gaudette. They were married for 60 years.

Raymond and Lucille had five children: their daughter, *Linda (Gaudette) DeFosses* and Phil of Franklin; four sons, *Ronald Gaudette* and Eileen, *Richard Gaudette*, *Randy Gaudette* and Laura, and *Ryan Gaudette* and Julie. She has 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Lucille was a smart businesswoman, running two apartment buildings in Franklin. She was a stay-at-home mom raising her five children, baby-sitting numerous other children, and caring for



her mother-in-law, Laura.

She loved crafting, gardening, canning, cooking (Mom's famous baked beans), line dancing, and singing in the St. Paul Church choir for over 20 years. She was dedicated to her God and family. Lucille was a most loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who will be missed forever.

Lucille is survived by her sister, Marie Barton and Stevie, her sister-in-law, Leona Braley, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents and two sisters, Frances Wheeler and Marilyn Taylor, and her brother, Arthur (Sonny) Braley.

Visiting hours were held on July 6 at Thibault-Neun Funeral Home in Franklin. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 7 in St. Paul Church, with burial in Holy Cross Cemetery. Donations in memory of Lucille may be made to St. Gabriel Parish, PO Box 490, Franklin 03235, or to Franklin VNA and Hospice, 75 Chestnut Street, Franklin 03235, which helped care for mom. (Thank you, Audrey, Jolie, Debbie, and Laura.) For an online guestbook, please visit NeunFuneralHomes.com.

**JOHN W. TWOMEY**, 79, a resident of Northfield since 1975, died on July 2, 2014, at the Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia following a period of failing health.

John was born on January 2, 1935, in Stoneham, Massachusetts, the son of Mortimer and Gladys (Whidden) Twomey. He spent his youth in Danbury, graduated from Andover High School, and later attended the New Hampshire Vocational Technical Institute in Laconia and the US School of Professional Paperhanging in Rutland, Vermont. He lived in Franklin for six years before moving to Northfield.

John served his country in Germany with the US Army from 1957 to 1959 and was called back into the service from 1961 to 1962.

He was a "jack of all trades" who held a variety of jobs during his lifetime. He especially enjoyed his work as Building Supervisor at the historic Belknap Mill in Laconia. For about 10 years, he ran his own papering and painting business, Hanging Around Wallpapering.

John worshiped at the Trinity Epis-

copal Church in Meredith, where he served as sexton for about five years. Most of all, John enjoyed spending time with his family.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Carol (Purdy) Twomey of Northfield; sons Brendan J. Twomey of Northville, New York, and Brian J. Twomey and wife, Jane, of Manchester; and two grandchildren, Abe Twomey and Phineas Twomey of Manchester.

There were no calling hours, according to John's wishes. A service was held on July 12 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Meredith. Those wishing may make memorial contributions in John's name to Trinity Episcopal Church, PO Box 635, Meredith 03253, or the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 304, Chicago IL 60611.

For more information, visit SmartFuneralHome.com.

**LARRY I. MARSH JR.**, 46, of Franklin died at his home on July 4, 2014. He was born in Franklin on March 5, 1968, the son of Lawrence I. Marsh Sr. and Katherine (Nault) Marsh.

Larry lived in Franklin most of his life and worked part-time at CWS in Andover. He enjoyed fishing and was always willing to help other people. He loved to sing and play guitar and enjoyed Country Western Music, especially Johnny Cash and Merle Haggard.



Family members include his mother and step-father, Katherine and Ronald Chainey of Franklin; a son, Jonathan Marsh, and a brother, Richard Marsh, both of Franklin; two sisters, Dolly Olson of Andover and Vernice Leonard of Colebrook; a step-grandfather, Albert "Jake" Prentice of Franklin; and cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visiting hours were held on July 11 at Thibault-Neun Funeral Home in Franklin. Donations in his memory may be made to his family through the funeral home. For an online guestbook, please visit NeunFuneralHomes.com.

**ELIZABETH H. (HOSMER) FREW**, 84, of Boscawen passed away peacefully on July 20, 2014, surrounded by her three sons at the Concord Hospital after a prolonged period of declining health. Betty lived on Queen Street for 62 years and had resided at the Merrimack County Nursing Home for the past year.

She was born in New London on August 13, 1929, the daughter of George H. and Margaret F. (Davis) Hosmer Sr. Mrs. Frew graduated from Andover High School in 1947 and then from Concord Commercial College. She worked as a bookkeeper for Merrimack Farmers Exchange for several years.

For 26 years she was an auditor and bookkeeper for the State of New Hampshire Treasury/Retirement Department. In 1996, Betty retired after six years with the Merrimack Valley School District food services department.

She was a member of The Order of The Eastern Star for over 50 years, Concord Emblem Club, East Concord Garden Club, and Penacook Senior Center. Generous with her time, she volunteered at the Merrimack County Nursing Home and Penacook Senior Center. Betty enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, gardening, and doing puzzles.

Her husband of 44 years, Arthur O. Frew Jr., died in 1996. She was also predeceased by her brother, George H. Hosmer Jr.

Members of her family surviving include three sons and their wives, Jerry and Joan Frew of Concord, Kevin and Pat Frew of Boscawen and Stacy and Dawn Frew of Epsom; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a sister, Patricia Powell of Port Charlotte, Florida; a brother and his wife, Charles E. and Veda Hosmer of Newbury; and nieces and nephews.

In honoring her wishes, there will be no calling hours, and a private family graveside service will be held at a later date in Maplewood Cemetery, Salisbury.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Penacook Senior Center, PO Box 6008, Penacook 03303 or to Concord SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord 03301. To sign an online guestbook, please visit ChadwickFuneralService.com.

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The former Northway Bank building in downtown Franklin will be the new home of AW Frost Insurance Agency. The project is the first 79-E project in Franklin, with the building owners granted tax relief for approved improvements to qualifying structures in the core downtown area.

## AW Frost Insurance Agency Brings Historic Building Back to Life

Renovations in downtown Franklin nearly complete

### Press release

Franklin's first 79-E project nears completion as the A.W. Frost Insurance Agency relocates to downtown Franklin and brings an historic building back to life.

The City of Franklin adopted RSA 79-E back in February of 2013 to spur community revitalization and development. RSA 79-E allows the City Council to grant tax relief for approved improvements to qualifying structures in the core downtown area.

Franklin's first 79-E project was unanimously approved by the City Council on May 5. The AW Frost Insurance Agency, a division of Davis and Towle Insurance group, has been in Franklin for over 85 years. They recently purchased the former Northway Bank building downtown at 354 Central Street. Extensive interior renovations as well as façade improvements are currently underway. The architects on the project are Wilson and Wilson Architects from Bow.

Prescott Towle stated, "We are excited to lead the way as the first business to take advantage of 79-E in Franklin

and kick off what will hopefully be the first of many renovations happening in the downtown area. The process to apply for this tax incentive was made very simple by the great staff in the Planning and Zoning office."



Prescott and Jeff Towle

"The City Council couldn't be more thrilled to support this project and sees this as an enhancement to the economic vitality of the downtown," stated Elizabeth Dragon, Franklin City Manager. "The Council thanks AW Frost for improving a centrally located structure that is culturally and historically important."

There will be a ribbon cutting in August, when renovations are complete. For more about 79-E, please call the Franklin City Hall at 934-3900.

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The Andover Blue Team won the 2014 Kearsarge Valley Minors Division Championship. Shown with their trophies are Jeremy Johnson, Wesley Koziol, Coach Upton, Joey Upton, Jesse Niemyer, Elliott Norris, Colby Jones, Ryan Carey, Coach Carey, Brandon Dukette, Jarrett Benson, Zealan Therrien, Lag-an Salathe, Coach Johnson, Tyler Champagne, and Bryson Cate. Missing is Fenn Davis.

## Andover Youth Baseball Wraps Up a Successful Season

### Andover Blue team goes 13-1, wins championship

By Justin Carey  
President, Andover Youth Baseball

Another successful youth baseball season has officially come to an end. The 2014 season saw 63 young boys and girls learn the fundamentals of playing the game we love so much. This year we fielded four teams: t-ball, Rookies (coaches pitch), and two Minors teams.

Our busy season began immediately after the snow disappeared from Blackwater Park on Lawrence Street. Volunteers worked hard and donated their time to get the field ready, while our teams got to work preparing for the upcoming season, and all of our teams had tremendously successful seasons.

Our t-ball team improved greatly, as did our Rookies team. Our two Minors teams, Andover Blue and Andover Red, had very successful regular seasons and entered the playoffs as the #2 and the #4

seed out of 11 teams in the Kearsarge Valley League. Our Andover Blue team won the Minors Championship and ended with a record of 13-1. This is the second championship at this level for Andover teams in the past three years.

We are very excited about the future for our baseball program. This season we designed a new "A" logo which is easily recognized on our player's hats and jerseys. We also were able to use the new Rec Building at Blackwater Park (although it is not 100% complete) for concession purposes, which was a success.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our field and have many new ideas in the works. Without the generous donations and sponsorships from the community, our program would not be able to succeed.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped out wherever needed, as well as the coaches and parents for your support and wonderful sportsmanship. Thank you all!

## Last Day to Sign Up for Soccer is August 13

### Get out those shin pads and cleats!

By Heidi Murphy  
Andover Rec Soccer director

It is that time of year again to get out those shin pads and cleats, dust off those long socks, and get ready to run, dribble, and score.

The last day to sign up for the fall soccer program through the Andover Recreation Department is Wednesday, August 13. The Andover Soccer Director, Heidi Murphy, will be at Blackwater Park from 5:30 to 7:30 PM for anyone who would like to sign up for the fall program. If you wish to come and kick around a ball or two to get your kicking legs ready, feel free to stop by.

If you would rather mail the registrations for your young players, feel free to contact Heidi at [AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com), and she can send you the proper paperwork.

The Merrimack Valley Soccer League consists of 18 towns from around the central New Hampshire area. This year, our goal in Andover is to have enough girls and boys to have separate teams for each level.

Michelle Dudek will be coaching the first and second graders. Claudio Marcus will be coaching the fifth and sixth grade girls, while Robert Koziol will be coaching the fifth and sixth grade boys.

We are still looking for anyone interested in coaching the third and fourth grade teams! Please call Heidi at 735-4494 if you are interested.

We also have opportunities for anyone, seventh and eighth graders included, who would be willing to referee the games. The games are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays starting on Tuesday, September 2, and continuing through Saturday, October 11.

Did you know? US Midfielder Michael Bradley ran an average of about 8.5 miles per game during the 2014 FIFA World Cup Tournament. The average World Cup soccer player ran approximately 7 miles per game. (Information taken from USNews.com.) That is a lot of running!!

August Soccer Tip: Shielding a ball is often overlooked as a skill to learn. Shielding means not letting another player take the ball from you.

Always keep your body between the ball and the person who is trying to take it. To practice, you will need two people. While you are dribbling, have your partner try to take the ball from you. Put yourself between the ball and your partner. Continue to dribble the ball with the inside and outside of your foot. Switch roles.

Have fun, and stay hydrated.

## Andover Blue Team Wins Divisional Championship!

### Caps 13-1 season with championship shut-out

By Justin Carey  
Andover Youth Baseball

The Andover Blue Team won the 2014 Kearsarge Valley Minors Division Championship.

Andover ended the regular season with a 10-1 record and began the play-offs as the #2 seed. After a convincing win against Bradford, Andover struggled but got a win against New London by the score of 3-2, which put them in the championship game against Sunapee.

Colby Jones and Jesse Niemyer

dominated the opponents all year from the mound, and the championship game was no different. Colby and Jesse kept the Sunapee hitters at bay, while Andover's offense pounded out hit after hit.

To start the fourth inning, Sunapee was on the attack and loaded the bases with two outs before Brandon Dukette made a great catch in center field to get Andover out of trouble. Then Andover Blue took care of business and pulled out the win, a convincing 11-0 victory.

We are very proud of the way the boys carried themselves and the effort that they have put forth to deserve this championship as a team. Way to go boys, and good luck next season!

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or e-mail Heidi at  
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with any questions.

## AE/MS Cross Country Team Welcomes Fifth Graders

Practices begin on August 11

By Brian Reynolds

AE/MS cross country coach

This coming fall, AE/MS will have a cross country team for the second year. This year we're very excited to have fifth graders on the team in addition to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. This will be the first time fifth graders will be able to represent the middle school in athletic competition.

If you're not familiar with cross country, it is a team sport with no limit on team size; everyone on the team runs every race. Meets consist of multiple teams getting together and running two miles on trails.

Regular season meets have two to four teams at them, and "states" has 30 to 50 teams per race. Each finisher on a team scores points (1 point for first, 2 for second, 5 for fifth, etc.). The top five runners on each team have their points totaled, and the team with the lowest score is the meet winner.

Last year, we had a great time at four regular season meets and finished the year at the State Meet in Londonderry, with almost 3,000 middle school cross country runners.

This year the team will be back and

better than ever. Practice will start on Monday August 11, at 6 PM at AE/MS. A typical practice starts with a short warm-up jog, usually on the nature trail or the rail trail. Once warmed up, we do some plyometric stretching and then some strength work like planks, lunges, push-ups, jumping, etc.

The main workout may involve a longer run, but many practices will revolve around running games like scavenger hunts, ultimate frisbee, relay races, leap-frog running, and whatever else we can come up with.

Andover Rec soccer players can do both sports. We had two athletes last year that did both, and they said that cross country helped with their soccer. Cross country practices and meets are usually over before evening soccer matches and practice.

If you can't wait until August 11, there are informal training sessions on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM at Blackwater Park. Those are open to any middle school athlete looking to get ready for their fall season.

### School Matters!

The *Beacon* needs volunteers to help with reporting about school news. Contact Charlie at 735-6099 or [Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com](mailto:Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com)

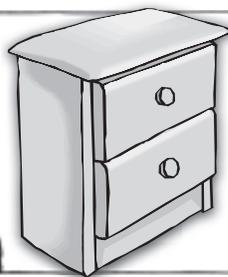


Merrimack Valley High School students prepare to board a plane to Europe as members of the New England Ambassadors of Music program. Nicholas Terwilliger of Andover (right) made the trip, led by music teacher Sean Anderson (left).

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Nine AE/MS staff, plus former staff member Jeannette Shedd, joined others at New England College for the four-day graduate level Summer Institute course "Improving Teacher Morale in the Respectful School." We gained lots of knowledge and strategies to make AE/MS even better next year. A great time was had by all. We just wish the whole staff had been able to attend. Back: Heidi Unger, Amanda Lauster, Jane Slayton. Front: Dr. Bill Preble, Gretchen Hildebrand, Deana Crucitti, Brenda Lance, Jay Hubbard, Sarah Edmunds, Jennifer Bent, Jeannette Shedd. Caption: Gretchen Hildebrand

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**AE/MS Gets Many Small Improvements Over the Summer**

School starts on Tuesday, August 26!

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

While students enjoy their well-deserved summer vacations, Andover Elementary/Middle School continues to be a busy building.

Students will come back to new tiled floors in the upper level of the older building. The brightly colored floors are quite a contrast to the old carpet. The carpet looked great for many years, but eventually it became stained and worn. The tile floors will be easier to maintain and will harbor fewer allergens.

New lunch tables will be arriving soon for the cafeteria, and a new stove will be up and running in the kitchen before school begins. Fence repairs will also be done behind the school, and gates will be installed to aid in snow removal.

Summer School ended in late July, and all the students were treated to Musicville at the New London Barn Playhouse. Teachers Amanda Lauster and Kim Tilton have kept students engaged this summer as they mix fun with academics.

A group of ten AE/MS teachers attended the Summer Institute for Educators at New England College this summer. While there, they worked on many facets of planning for the new school year.

Our newest and youngest students, AE/MS kindergarteners, get a head start in the building before the rest of the students arrive. AE/MS Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Monday morning, August 25, at 8:30 AM. The students and their parents will meet

teachers, tour the building, and ride the school bus. We have found that having the orientation experience makes the first day of school easier for all.

School Starts August 26

The first day of school for the 2014-2015 school year is Tuesday, August 26. It is a three-day week for students. There is no school on Friday, August 29, because it is a teacher workday, and there is no school on Monday, September 1, because it is Labor Day. This schedule gives our students the opportunity to ease back into the school year with a three-day week, a four-day week, and then finally a full week.

The new Merrimack Valley High School principal, David Miller, has visited AE/MS this summer. We have brainstormed more opportunities to connect our middle school students with MVHS. David is looking forward to meeting Andover families.

As always, we like to celebrate and rock in the new school year! Parents are welcome to join their children for a barbecue and musical entertainment on Thursday afternoon, August 28. New England musician and entertainer Paul Hubert will be performing. Students remember Mr. Hubert from his long-time gig as AE/MS music teacher. Paul Hubert is always a favorite at AE/MS! This will also be the first of several opportunities to meet Mark MacLean, our new SAU 46 superintendent, as well as new AE/MS staff members.

We have gained some new students in several grades over the summer.

It will be fun to have the building filled with students once again. I am looking forward to the new school year!



Every summer, Proctor Academy hosts 10 weeks of Gordon Research Conferences, science meetings that in 2013 included two Nobel Prize winners.

## Proctor in the Summer: Gordon Research Conferences

### Meetings bring Nobel Prize winners to Andover

#### Press release

If you've passed a group of individuals taking a midday walk down Lawrence Street to Bradley Lake or have wondered who all the visitors are on Proctor Academy's campus during the summer months, you are not alone.

While students depart Proctor's campus by the first week of June, dorms remain fully occupied and the Dining Services staff prepares thousands of meals a week for the Gordon Research Conferences, a non-profit organization managed by and for the benefit of the scientific community. Gordon Research Conferences provide an international forum for the presentation and discussion of frontier research in the biological, chemical, and physical sciences, and their related technologies.

Proctor is fortunate to be one of the few schools or colleges in New Hampshire, along with nearby Colby-Sawyer College, to host Gordon Research Conferences for 10 weeks every summer. The conferences attract world-re-

nowned scientists from across the globe to the small town of Andover to discuss cutting-edge research and collaborate as a scientific community.

Each Sunday, between 100 and 200 conferees arrive. Some are PhD students, others postdoctoral fellows, professors, or research scientists. Topics of study range from proteoglycans to radiation chemistry.

Last year, Proctor was fortunate to host the 2013 Nobel Prize winners in physiology or medicine, when James E. Rothman of Yale and Thomas C. Südhof of Stanford, recognized for their discoveries of machinery regulating vesicle traffic, a major transport system in our cells, were speakers at the 2013 Gordon Research Conference in molecular biology on Proctor's campus.

Proctor is thankful for its on-going relationship with Gordon Research Conferences and for the opportunity to serve as an incubator of scientific thought during the summer months.

So, if you see strangers walking around town, take a minute to introduce yourself. You may be talking to the next Nobel Prize winner!



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### AE/MS Honor Roll

2013/2014 - Third Trimester

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| • Kyleigh Fanny              | • Matt Bent                  |
| • Cedar Kiedaisch            | • Zachary Cronin             |
| • Jazlyn Perkins             | • Hannah French              |
| <b>Grade 5 • Honors</b>      | • Teigan Friedrich           |
| • Lilly Furtkamp             | • Jared Frost                |
| <b>Grade 6 • High Honors</b> | • Ezra Jenifer               |
| • Hannah Asbury              | • Dylan Jewell               |
| <b>Grade 6 • Honors</b>      | • Britta Johnson             |
| • Tori Braley                | • Nelson Makechnie           |
| • Madisyn Brayshaw           | • Samantha Parkman           |
| • Clay Farley                | • Myles Powers               |
| • William Furtkamp           | • DJ Rankins                 |
| • Madalyn Goodwin            | • Matthew Reynolds           |
| • Ryelle Jenifer             | • Keygan Sweeney             |
| • Riley Keezer               | • Jesse Wagner               |
| • Chase Keyser               | <b>Grade 8 • High Honors</b> |
| • Vienna Marcus              | • Betsy Abrahamson           |
| • Tempest Przybyla           | • Luke Weber                 |
| • Ronan Walsh                | <b>Grade 8 • Honors</b>      |
| <b>Grade 7 • High Honors</b> | • Scout Armstrong            |
| • Alexis Cate                | • Emily Bates                |
| • Savannah Drewry            | • Aiden Cox                  |
| • Lexi Emeny                 | • Aarionne McMahon           |
| • Aidan Kellogg              | • Chloe Methven              |
| • Jack Newton                | • Noah Newton                |
| • David Reynolds             | • Collin O'Donnell           |
| • Sofia Weber                | • Koby Perrault              |
|                              | • Finn Weber                 |

### MVHS Honor Roll

2013-2014 - Second Semester • Andover Students

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| <b>Class of 2014 • High Honors</b> | • Shelby Perreault                 |
| • Katelyn Ashburn                  | • Amy Wittel                       |
| <b>Class of 2014 • Honors</b>      | <b>Class of 2016 • High Honors</b> |
| • Haley Adams                      | • Benjamin Yusko                   |
| • Jacob Chaplain                   | <b>Class of 2016 • Honors</b>      |
| • Brooke Ellis                     | • Adrian Bolte                     |
| • Emily Stearns                    | • Austin Marceau                   |
| • Rebekah Stearns                  | • Alyssa Smith                     |
| <b>Class of 2015 • Honors</b>      | <b>Class of 2017 • Honors</b>      |
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## 17 AE/MS Students Had Perfect Attendance

Healthy, hard-working kids set the pace

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

The following students all have at least one thing in common: Damien Jenifer (kindergarten), Kaden Fanny (first grade), Brandon Dukette (third), Olivia Glines (third), Kalee Keyser (third), Shannen O'Donnell (fourth), Aaron Weeks (fourth), Colin Coolidge (fifth), Kyleigh Fanny (fifth), Hannah Asbury (sixth), Madalyn Goodwin (sixth), Ryelle Jenifer (sixth), Camden Donovan (seventh), Ezra Jenifer (seventh), DJ Rankins (seventh), Collin O'Donnell (eighth), and Alan Thompson (eighth). These 17 students did not miss one single day of school for the 2013-14 school year. In fact, several of the students have not missed a school day for several years!

They are also students who are active in sports, the spring play, and other activities beyond their school day. The students in the play were here several nights a week until 5 or 6 PM. Several of the students played sports both in our community and outside as part of travel teams.

It is pretty amazing when you know that they have been exposed to all the same germs and illnesses as everyone else. They are a healthy bunch! I especially want to learn some healthy tips from the Jenifer and Fanny families. It is pretty impressive that all of the chil-

dren in the family never missed a day. I guess the same could be said for Olivia, Aaron, Colin, Madalyn, DJ, and Alan.

Brandon Dukette hasn't missed a school day since he started kindergarten, and he is now going into the fourth grade! Kyleigh Fanny has also had four years of perfect attendance. Kaden Fanny, now entering second grade, has never missed a day of school since he started kindergarten.

Eighth grade students Collin O'Donnell and Alan Thompson both finished with perfect attendance this year. I wonder if they will continue that pattern through their Merrimack Valley High School years? Both of the graduates participated in numerous extracurricular sports and activities in addition to their academic load, and balanced it all. Collin has not missed a day of school since he started at AE/MS in the sixth grade.

This is an impressive number of students to have perfect attendance – 17! I have talked with other school principals who find this fascinating, because they don't see it at their schools.

The students were presented gift certificates to Pizza Chef. They were also invited to ring the bell during the Fourth of July festivities, which is quite an honor.

Congratulations to the 17 healthy, hard-working students! I hope they each enjoy a well-deserved summer break.



In June, Tori Braley, Ryelle Jenifer, and Hannah Asbury threw themselves into the final music project for the AE/MS sixth grade, which was to create a music video. The completed videos were very entertaining and enjoyed by the other students.  
Photo: Molly Kidane



A crowd of several hundred, including Proctor students, Andover Fire department volunteers, and a news crew from WMUR, gathered in Proctor's Farrell Field House to celebrate Andover's first annual St. Baldrick's Day event on March 29. Participants raised over \$30,000 to fight childhood cancers by having their heads shaved.

## Final Tally: St. Baldrick's Event Topped \$30,000!

March event benefits fight against childhood cancers

Press release

A student group from Proctor Academy, led by head athletic trainer Chris Young, organized Andover's first annual St. Baldrick's Day event in March as part of Proctor's Project Period week. Recently, the final fundraising tally for the event came in and totaled \$30,271!

While Proctor organized the event, it

was through the efforts of the Andover Fire Department, the Andover branch of Lake Sunapee Bank, and countless others in town (like the *Beacon's* Charlie Darling) that such a significant amount of money was raised to support childhood cancer research. There's video of the event at [TinyURL.com/qxzzanb](http://TinyURL.com/qxzzanb).

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so meaningful, and we hope you start thinking about being a part of the event next year!



(Above) Brandon Babbitt, a rising sophomore from Andover at MVHS, drives a carpet-cleaning machine while David McCarthy of Salisbury minds the cord. Brandon has volunteered at AE/MS during the summer to fulfill the MV community service requirement. David, an '08 graduate of MVHS currently enrolled at Granite State College, is a classroom aide during the school year at AE/MS and helps out with special education.

(Below) Mike W. Langlois of Andover ripped out carpet and installed tile in five classrooms at AE/MS this summer. He's shown here filling a 2.5' sag in the floor before prepping it to receive the new tiles.

The project was especially meaningful for Mike because his daughter, Desiree Langlois, and his grandsons, Anthony and Dylan Hammond, all attend AE/MS.  
Photos: Charlie Darling

