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## Beacon Canvassing Drive Starts Soon!

Donate by September 30 and you won't be called

By Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

So far this year, 173 households out of Andover's 1,000 households have donated to the *Beacon*. That's 20% fewer than had donated at this time last year. Are people waiting to be canvassed this year instead of avoiding being canvassed by sending in their donation by September 30? I hope not, as canvassing is a really big job and a lot of trouble for canvassers and canvassees alike!

Over the past 10 years, the *Beacon* has not been able to increase donations from the community enough to make the *Beacon* a sustainable community project over the long haul. 100% of

Andover households receive the printed *Beacon* at no charge every month, and 100% of Andover households can access AndoverBeacon.com at no charge, anywhere and anytime they can get to a Web connection. But so far this year, fewer than 20% of Andover households have made a donation.

Last year, the *Beacon*'s Board of Directors set an important long-term goal: *Increase community donations to the point where about 650 Andover households donate every year*. At that level, with about 65% of Andover households donating, the *Beacon* would be sustainable for the long haul.

So in October, we'll be starting a big canvassing campaign again.

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Scan this gizmo on your smartphone to donate now!

## Runners and Bicyclists Converge on Andover for Major Fundraiser

Fun and fundraising for the entire town

By Heather Makechnie  
For the *Beacon*

On Saturday, September 27, runners and bicyclists from all over the state will be thronging Andover to participate in a fundraiser for Special Olympics New Hampshire. Individuals – including Special Olympic athletes as well as volunteer teams from local schools, businesses, and law enforcement – will use the Northern Rail Trail between Andover and Enfield, with all

events beginning and ending in Andover.

There will also be a leisurely 4.5-mile family bike ride, open to all comers, beginning at the Highland Lake Inn. Streets and fields will be filled with parked cars, and each of those cars will bring dollar bills to the local economy.

If that doesn't make your heart swell, picture Proctor Academy's Carr Field encamped from 8 AM to 2 PM with concession tents and carts; the mesmerizing odor of grilled brats, onions and peppers, steamed corn on the cob, french fries, and autumn leaves hanging in the crisp fall air. Andover area organizations are participating in order to raise money for Special Olympics New



Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

- *The Athlete's Oath for the Special Olympics*

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ReVision Energy of Exeter installed another photovoltaic array in Andover last month. The 18 panels should provide about 5.4 kilowatts of electricity over the course of a year, enough to power the entire household. Any excess power goes into the New Hampshire Electric Co-op's grid for other NHEC customers to use. ReVision recently announced a new program that lets qualified homeowners add solar with no money down.

Photo: Charlie Darling

## New Solar Initiative in Andover will Lower Costs for Homeowners

The more who participate, the more everyone saves

### Press release

A team of Andover, New London, and Wilmot residents this fall will undertake an effort aimed at doubling the number of solar-electric (or photovoltaic) residential and small-business installations in their towns. The project, called Kearsarge Solarize Andover/New London/Wilmot, is part of a larger Solarize Upper Valley effort coordinated by local nonprofit Vital Communities.

Residents in the three towns are encouraged to learn more at the project's

launch event on Saturday, October 18, at 10 AM in Colby-Sawyer College's Clements Hall (part of the Ivey Science Center), in New London.

Round One of Solarize Upper Valley yielded 120 new solar homes in five towns in the region. In Round Two, the Andover/New London/Wilmot team will launch a 15-week campaign (running mid-October through the end of January) to help residents and small businesses in their towns go solar. They join seven other towns across the Upper Valley in both New Hampshire and Vermont that are "solarizing" this fall.

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## TELL US WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR CHOSEN CANDIDATE

When you make up your mind for whom you're voting in the November county and state elections, please send us a few sentences about what you like most about the candidate you've picked. We'd like to run those short bits in the *Beacon* so we can all see what's persuading our friends and neighbors one way or the other.

**Please – nothing negative about the other candidates, parties, policies, etc!** There's enough of that going around already. Let's hear what's attracting you to the candidate you've picked.

Send a few sentences to [Elections@AndoverBeacon.com](mailto:Elections@AndoverBeacon.com) or to PO Box 149, Andover 03216. Those received by September 15 will be in the October issue; those received by October 15 will be in the November issue.

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I respectfully ask for your vote on September 9<sup>th</sup> to continue the work I have been doing on behalf of the residents of our towns.

Thank You!

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## September 9 Primary for Democrats, Republicans, and Independents

By Arthur Urie  
Supervisor of the Checklist

The state primary is coming on Tuesday, September 9. You can register at the polls on Election Day if you are not already registered. If you are already registered, you cannot change your party registration until after you have voted.

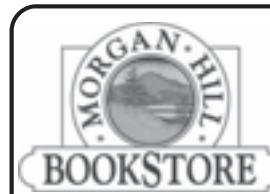
If you are registered as a Democrat, you will be given a Democratic ballot.

If you are registered as a Republican, you will be given a Republican ballot.

If you are registered as undeclared (independent), you may ask for either a Republican or a Democratic ballot. Once you have voted in the primary, you become listed in the party whose primary you voted in. If you want to continue to be listed as undeclared, fill out the form at the Supervisors' table after you have voted.

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## The History of Political Parties, and How Primaries Work

A chance to choose the fall election candidates

By Art Urie, for the Beacon

We take political parties for granted most of the time. It is only when someone asks why two parties dominate political life in our country, or when the ballot clerk at a primary election asks us which ballot we want, that we even think about our relationship with a political party. There is nothing particularly sacred about political parties; they are not mentioned in the United States Constitution, nor are they a necessity for the functioning of a democratic republic.

As I understand the history, political parties developed as people realized that consistently working with people who agreed with them about some basic concerns could help achieve results. From the beginning, members of political parties or movements did not agree about everything; they worked together because they agreed about some basic concerns and directions.

For example, people who were eager for the development of rail service might join one party, while those who were concerned that railroad companies were exercising too much power over other areas of life joined another party.

It is popular to say that I vote for "the person, not the party." My suspi-

cion is that we are kidding ourselves when we say that. What we are really saying is that we vote for the person we like, as long as she agrees that the railroads need encouragement; or we vote for the person we like, as long as he agrees that the railroad companies need to be controlled.

If you think I am railroading this explanation, I am – but it is such a nice (non-contemporary) analogy.

Early in the process, parties would meet to name the candidate(s) they would support together. Over time, those meetings came to be called conventions and developed the reputation of having lots of wheeling and dealing in smoke-filled rooms.

Gradually, the view was adopted that it made sense for more people to be involved in the decision of which candidates to support, and the primary was born; "primary" because it was the first election, the election that was held before the main election.

As I understand it, in some states the parties ran their own special elections. In most states, the parties in effect asked the state to run the elections for them.

The way primaries are run varies by state and has changed over the years and will probably continue to change. In some states, the people able to vote

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## Andover Votes in State Primary Election on Tuesday, September 9

You can register to vote at the polls

By Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk

The State Primary Election will be held at the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym on Tuesday, September 9. The polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM.

As has been the practice now for a couple of years, you will need to state your name and address to both the ballot clerks at the front of the gym and those at the back. You will have to show a photo ID to the Ballot Clerks at the front.

If you have not brought a photo ID with you, you will need to have one of the election officials – a Supervisor of the Checklist, the Town Moderator, or the Town Clerk – vouch for you. You will then be given a ballot and allowed to enter the voting area.

If there is no official available who knows you, you will have to fill out a challenged-voter affidavit, and then you will be allowed to vote.

Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office. They are available until Monday, September 8, the day before Election Day, during our regular office hours. We will also be open from 3 to 5 PM on September 8 to accept completed absentee ballots delivered in person.

If you have not registered to vote, you can come to the Town Clerk's office to fill out the paperwork up until Tuesday, September 2. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting that evening from 7 to 7:30 PM, and you can register to vote at their meeting as well.

After that date, you will have to register to vote at the polls on Election Day.

At a primary, if you are a registered Republican, you will be given a Republican ballot. A registered Democrat will be given a Democratic ballot. You cannot change your party affiliation just before the election.

If you are Undeclared, then you can choose which ballot you would like. Choosing a party's ballot immediately makes you a registered member of that party. After your vote has been cast, you can go straight to the Supervisors of the Checklist on your way out of the polling place and change your party affiliation back to Undeclared if you like.

The Town Clerk's office will not be open on Election Day, as we will both be working at the election. If you are a registered voter in the town of Andover and would like to be involved in the Election Day procedures, please call the office at 735-5332 extension 4, and let me know.



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Volunteer canvassers will select some of their Andover friends and neighbors who haven't donated yet this year and contact them (by phone, by e-mail, or in person) to remind them that the *Beacon* needs their financial support every year.

If you've already donated to the *Beacon* this year, thank you! You've done your part to help keep the *Beacon* going, and our canvassers won't be contacting you in October.

If you haven't donated to the *Beacon* yet this year, please do so today! *Your help is very important.*

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Hampshire and also for their own charitable efforts which enrich the fabric of our community – scholarships, the food pantry, eye glasses, hearing aids, life-saving equipment, youth sports, and much more.

Andover Service Club has cookies, pies, and finger sandwiches. Kearsarge Hockey League is selling some killer wraps. Doughty Andover Fire Department and Andover EMS volunteers are firing up the grills and roasting burgers and brats. And in a history-making turn of events, the Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club and the Andover Lions Club have teamed up to sell frozen treats.

Tarte Cafe and Bakery in Andover has brought Chef Corinne Cline's pastries, and Pay It Forward Farm is showcasing Sophie Viandier's local organic farm products. Refreshing hot and iced beverages are being sold by Red Barn Coffee Roasters and Harney and Sons Fine Teas to benefit the New Hampshire Special Olympics. Harvest Market is providing food for runners. But there's much more ...

Think of vendors like Thule, Camelback, and Clif Bars; a public safety display; and Andover Energy Group promoting their products and services. See the Goodale's Bike Shop's bicycle clinic by the fence, and over there, kids creating tie-dyed shirts? You have just snagged a snow cone when ...

You look a little to the right and notice the inflated bouncy house; the horseback rides provided by Andover's own nationally recognized riding instructor, Allison Barry of Whisper Wind Stables; the face-painting artists

changing urchins into angels.

To the left of you there is a dais where awards are being made to winners and runners-up for the 100- and the 50-kilometer bike and foot races along the Northern Rail Trail to Enfield. What a triumphant day for the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, who have made this event possible with their years of dedicated work!

It would also appear that the last family has completed their 4.5-mile bike ride from Highland Lake Inn to Carr Field on the rail trail. Those four-year-olds are riding circles around their bushed parents, still wanting to participate in the Kids Fun Run at 10 AM to earn the "token" which will be given to every runner.

Over the din of happy people, do you hear the all-day DJs spinning their platters?

Well, look over there ... it is a group of your friends! They signed up to ride the 50-kilometer together, and they have just made it back. They look flushed, healthy, and happy. They see you and wave. You feel great to be there to support their effort. In fact, you feel happy and alive yourself. Food, family, friends, fun, fundraising, and fresh air. It all adds up to a day well-spent!

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Asked why Vital Communities is behind the project, Sarah Simonds, its energy and transportation manager, replies, "We're committed to moving our region toward energy independence. With growth in solar technology finally leveling out and incentives available at the state and federal level, now is the perfect time for New Hampshire residents to be looking into solar."

Team leaders for the Kearsarge Solarize project are retirees Larry and Susan Chase of Andover, Colby-Sawyer professor Bill Spear of New London, and New Hampshire State Representative Tom Schamberg of Wilmot. Both the Andover Energy Group and the New London Energy Committee are also behind the effort.

Here's how the project works:

1. A team of volunteers from the three towns will be working this September to competitively select a partner solar installer.

2. Between mid-October and the end of January, the volunteer team and the selected partner installer will host events, sign residents up for free site evaluations, and provide online resources to help local property owners understand where to begin, what to expect, and the costs and benefits of going solar.

3. As more residents in the three towns sign up to go solar, the savings, determined by a tiered pricing structure to be made public before the campaign begins, are greater for everyone.

If you are even the slightest bit curious about solar, you'll want to be at the Kearsarge Solarize launch event on October 18. In the meantime, for additional information and to be kept in the loop about more coming events, send your name and e-mail address to one of the following: in Andover, Larry Chase at LBChase@aol.com; in New London, Bill Spear at WSpear@Colby-Sawyer.edu; in Wilmot, Tom Schamberg at Tom@YourPromoSolution.com.

The team would also like to hear from anyone interesting in helping with the volunteer effort.

Vital Communities, a nonprofit organization based in White River Junction, Vermont, brings together citizens, organizations, and municipalities to take on issues where an independent voice and regional approach are essential. Working together, we make our region a better place to live, work, and play. Vital Communities' Energy Program works to move the Upper Valley toward energy independence by catalyzing local efforts in energy efficiency and renewable energy. Learn more at VitalCommunities.org.



at least for a few minutes, considered to be a member of that party. You will continue to be registered as a member of that party until you fill out a form registering as an Undeclared voter.

In order to prevent people who think railroads need to be controlled from voting in the primary of the party who thinks the railroads need to be encouraged and voting for a candidate that will be easy to defeat, the voting roles are frozen three months before the primary, so no changes in party identification can be made until after the primary. You cannot wait until you see the list of candidates for each party before deciding which party primary you want to vote in.

Primaries, the first elections, are important. It is your chance to help choose the candidates who support what you think is important.



On Monday afternoon, August 11, a vehicle traveling west on Main Street left the road just before Bridge Road and snapped off a fire hydrant. The Andover Fire Department, with the help of Kurt Meier and Garry George, was able to locate a shut-off valve and stop the flow of water. The Andover Village District and RD Edmunds and Sons made repairs.

Photo: Jake Johnson

## Primaries from page 5

in the first election are only the people who are members of the party whose candidates are being chosen. In other states, the first election is completely open, with anyone being able to help choose the candidates of any party.

Characteristically, New Hampshire has chosen a moderate path between the two. In New Hampshire, if you are registered as a member of a party, you can help choose the candidates for that party. If you are registered as a member of a particular party, you cannot help choose the candidates for another party.

If you are registered as Undeclared – not a member of any existing party – you may vote in either party's first election. One part of this arrangement that is sometimes forgotten is that in voting in one party's election, you are,

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Last month, Tim Frost sold his pristine 1958 Ford Fairlane, complete with a Continental kit on the back. Tim's pride-and-joy is now headed to an antique car museum in New Mexico.

Photo: Beth Frost

## Flu Shots in Andover September 24

10 AM to noon  
at the Town Hall

### Press release

On Wednesday, September 24, Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice will offer a community Flu Clinic at Andover Town Hall from 10 AM to noon for individuals 19+ years of age. We will bill the following insurances: Medicare Part B, Medicare Replacement Plans, New Hampshire Medicaid, Harvard Pilgrim, MVP, and Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Please bring your ID card(s). The cost is \$25 if you are paying with cash or check.

Here's what the Centers for Disease Control have to say about getting a flu shot: "While there are many different flu viruses, the seasonal flu vaccine is designed to protect against the top three or four flu viruses that research indicates will cause the most illness during the flu season. People should begin getting vaccinated soon after flu vaccine becomes available, ideally by October, to ensure that as many people as possible are protected before flu season begins."

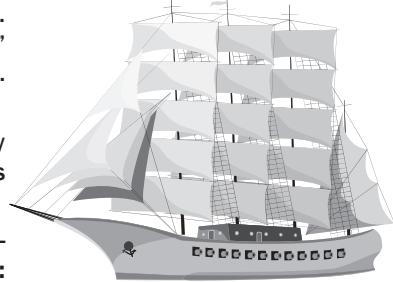
For more information, contact Ellen Brownson at 526-4077 or [EBrownson@LakeSunapeeVNA.org](mailto:EBrownson@LakeSunapeeVNA.org).



On August 22, Brenda Brown and Tyler Nicol of the Andover branch of Lake Sunapee Bank responded to the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, voluntarily dousing themselves with cold water to draw attention to ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. As is the custom, they each then invited someone else to take the challenge: Brenda "called out" New Horizon's Hairstylists, and Tyler the Andover Fire Department.

Photo: Charlie Darling

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David Campbell, chair of the Public Works and Highways committee; Governor Maggie Hassan; and Maureen Mann, Mario Ratzki, and Karen Ebel, members of the Public Works and Highways committee, pose at the ground-breaking for the new women's prison in Concord.

## Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord: September 2014

**Vote in the primary election on September 9**

**By Mario Ratzki**

**NH State Representative**

Reporting from Rye State Park: The historical John Smith (in the person of Paul Strand) made an appearance on August 14 to inaugurate his new monument in Rye State Park to commemorate the 400th anniversary of his expedition and landing at the Isles of Shoal. The expedition marks the first time that the expression "New England" was used.

John Smith's map of New England was instrumental in leading the Puritans to Plymouth Rock. The Governor, my chairman David Campbell, and members of the Public Works and Highways committee (including yours truly) were there to witness the unveiling of the obelisk and the plaque replicating the map under clear blue skies, overlooking the ocean and the Isles of Shoal in the distance.

A ground breaking for the new women's prison in Concord took place on August 18. The state was under the threat of a costly court action against it for having failed to provide the same kind of facilities for women as it was providing to the male prison population.

Public Works and Highways committee members in charge of the capital budget and under the Governor's direction allocated \$38 million for the construction of the new prison in the back of the men's state prison on Route 3 in Concord. It is hoped that sharing some of the facilities will result in savings to the state while providing some work training to help facilitate female inmates' rehabilitation and reduce recidivism.

A little known fact that I did not know is that New Hampshire owns about 93% of the width of the Connecticut River. This may sound like a good thing, until one realizes that it means New Hampshire is responsible for all the bridges crossing the river to Vermont.

My Public Works and Highway subcommittee is about to study an offer from the State of Vermont to pay from 50% up to 100% of the cost to replace the Vilas bridge sooner rather than later. The town of Bellows Falls has been hurt economically by the closure of the Vilas bridge. But on the New Hampshire side, we have another bridge a couple of miles down.

Of course, if we went along with this offer, we would have to reimburse Vermont down the line, and we in the committee are loath to make any commitment, considering our budgetary constraints. To be continued ...

The primary election is upon us, taking place on Tuesday, September 9. Most of the action will take place in the Republican primary, especially at the top of the ticket for US Senator, Congressman, and New Hampshire Governor.

It has often been said that if you don't vote, you can't complain. I would urge everyone to go and make their vote count, even if your candidate (like me) does not have an opponent in the primary. It is good exercise for the big one in November.

We go back to Concord on Wednesday, September 17, to vote to affirm or overturn the Governor's vetoes. I am always available at 735-5440 and at [MarioRatzki@gmail.com](mailto:MarioRatzki@gmail.com).

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## David Kerrick Looks Back on 2014 Legislative Session

**NH House finished work on June 4**

**By David Kerrick  
NH State Representative**

The New Hampshire House finished its work for the current biennium on June 4. The Legislature can be proud of what it accomplished, including a bipartisan budget restoring many of the draconian cuts to education and social services, making healthcare insurance possible for many working families, providing funding to fix roads and bridges, protecting women, children, and pets from violence, and enabling men and women to earn an equal paycheck for equal work.

The Ways and Means Committee, where I serve, met in June and August to look at State Revenues for the next few months. Committee members are concerned that some revenues, especially those from the Interest and Dividends Tax and the Business Taxes, are not meeting earlier projections.

In healthcare, a workable compromise on Medicaid expansion, Senate Bill (SB) 413, reached by the Senate and House is one of the major accomplishments for our less fortunate citizens. The November 2013 Special Session ended without an agreement to expand Medicaid, but in March, a bipartisan

plan using federal Medicaid funds to help needy adults purchase private health plans was passed. This will help about 50,000 low-income adults obtain health care coverage. Coverage could expire in three years unless extended by the Legislature.

Everyone was concerned when the state's Supreme Court ruled against the Medicaid Enhancement Tax, meaning the state would have to find about \$200 million to balance the next budget. Fortunately, SB 369, passed by both Houses, implements Governor Hassan's agreement with 25 New Hampshire hospitals, reducing the state's liability to under \$100 million and ensuring continued healthcare services to New Hampshire citizens.

The Legislature also passed the following bills related to healthcare:

House Bill (HB) 597 requires healthcare providers to have procedures in place to prevent substance abuse or diversion of drugs by employees.

SB 235 requires the state to open a 10-bed psychiatric crisis unit by July 1, 2015. This is only a small step toward bringing mental health services back up to the excellent standards of several years ago.

The Legislature passed the following bills dealing with domestic violence

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## *Fourth of July Committee Plans Some Changes for 2015*

### **But a parade rain date seems impractical**

**By Bob Ward**  
**Fourth of July Committee**

Well, this year's Fourth of July Celebration was pretty much a total wash out! But the Fourth of July Committee has already begun planning for the Fourth of July 2015, and we want to make next year's celebration a great one, in keeping with Andover's finest tradition.

First of all, for those groups who started building their floats for entry in the 2014 parade ... don't throw anything away if you still have parts of your float out in your barn or garage. In order for groups to use whatever they had assembled or fabricated for their 2014 parade float, we have decided that the parade theme for 2015 will be the same as this year's theme: "Summer Time." So if you still have any parts of your 2014 float, you will be able to use them for the 2015 parade.

The Committee has given very serious thought to having a rain date for the parade starting next year, but the practical difficulties with re-scheduling the parade due to rain are so monumental that we have decided to continue with the policy, which the Fourth of July Committee has had for decades, which is no rain date re-schedule for the parade.

However, the Committee is working on a rain date proposal for most of the other activities of the celebration.

If anyone has a way to overcome the logistical difficulties associated with a parade rain date re-schedule, they are certainly welcome to come to a Fourth

of July Committee meeting to present their ideas for the Committee to consider. Our next two meetings are Wednesday, October 1, and a date yet to be set for January 2015. The Committee meets at the Andover Fire House meeting room at 7 PM.

Speaking of the parade, the Committee is going to break up the parade organization responsibilities from just one person doing all the work to a different set-up in which we have several people sharing the work load by taking on different tasks for organizing the parade. We are actively looking to recruit several people to take on these various organizational assignments, so if you are interested in helping organize the parade, please come to the October 1 Committee meeting. We would welcome the help!

The Committee also got feedback from a few folks about the fireworks this year. The feedback was critical of the ground fireworks display and also the low-altitude fireworks.

So starting next year we are going to put a provision into the fireworks contract that all of the fireworks rockets shall be "high-altitude exploders" so that everyone can see them. There may be a slight increase in the cost of the fireworks contract, but the Committee feels it will be worth the cost increase.

That's about it at this very early point in the planning for Andover's 2015 Fourth of July Celebration, but the Fourth of July Committee is doubly committed to have an even better Fourth of July Celebration for next year! And anyone who would like to help out in organizing this major event is welcome to pitch in.



### **Look Back from page 9**

and violence against women:

HB 1410 allows victims of domestic violence to get temporary protective orders to extend to the family pets if there is an immediate threat.

SB 205 allows a court to order that visitations by juveniles only occur at centers with metal detectors and creates a committee to study procedures.

SB 318 designates domestic violence as a specific crime instead of simple assault or another crime. Responders will then be able to see whether a repeated pattern of domestic violence exists. Both bills were responses to the murder of 9-year-old Joshua Sayvon. His father wasn't scanned on entering a Manchester YWCA with a gun he used to kill Joshua and then himself. There was overwhelming support for both bills.

SB 253, Termination of Parental Rights. Women becoming pregnant due to rape now are able to request a court to permanently keep the rapist out of their lives.

SB 319 creates Protest Buffer Zones and makes protesting within 25 feet of reproductive health facilities providing abortions illegal. Groups such as the Alliance Defending Freedom have filed lawsuits, and the buffer zone is not being enforced until the courts have ruled on the law's constitutionality.

These are some of the other important bills passed by both houses of the Legislature:

HB 1624, two energy bills combined into one. The first allows the Public Utilities Commission to decide if PSNH can sell off some old plants to save their customers money. The second lays out guidelines to be followed by the state when approving wind projects, including evaluating aesthetic, environmental, and noise effects.

SB 367 increased the state tax on gasoline by 4.2 cents per gallon on July 1, the first increase since 1991. This increase is designated for sorely needed infrastructure improvements all around the state, including roads, bridges, and widening the southern portion of Interstate 93. It also removes tolls at Everett Turnpike Exit 12 and creates a committee to find out whether the Department of Transportation is using its money wisely. Some of the money from the annual increase of about \$32 million is already being spent on road construction.

HB 1360: Starting in 2015, talking on a handheld cell phone while driving is illegal. Texting while behind the wheel is already banned by law. Talking on hands-free devices is still permitted, and you can use your phone when legally parked at the side of the road.

HB 1415: Establishes a non-lapsing fund for Robotics Education, providing funding to school districts for develop-

ing robotics teams and accepting gifts, grants, and donations to make robotics available to more high school students. In order to get this bill accepted by a House and Senate conference committee, it had to be part of a bill allowing wine and liquor stores to distribute limited free tasting samples to their customers.

SB 240: Allows non-residents to be issued temporary OHRV registrations for 10 consecutive days from May through October at a reduced rate of \$34, with funds going to the Department of Resources and Economic Development and the Department of Fish and Game. This will help tourism in Coos County by bringing in even more visitors to the recently developed, interconnected, extensive ATV trail system of over 1,000 miles called Ride the Wilds, the largest in the Northeast.

HB 1282: This hybrid bill establishes minimum inventory registration and reporting requirements for fuel oil dealers offering prepaid contracts for home heating oil and other petroleum products and makes failure to deliver under such contracts a violation of the consumer protection act.

More importantly, it passes on to some towns in Merrimack County House District 25, affected by the Merrimack River Flood Control Compact, the 2012 portion of funds paid to New Hampshire by Massachusetts. Salisbury should receive \$25,670 and Webster should receive \$8,239.

Funds for 2013 are still owed the towns by the State of New Hampshire. The House Finance Committee recommended killing Senate Bill 370 authorizing the payments, but pressure by some of us got the 2012 portion owed the towns attached to the heating oil bill by a House and Senate Committee of Conference as an amendment.

SB 207, Paycheck Fairness, updates state law to ensure that all workers, regardless of sex, can earn a fair and equal paycheck.

HB 256: Establishes a voluntary \$25 Hike Safe Card for Fish and Game search and rescue operations and makes people without the card, a hunting or fishing license, or an OHRV or snowmobile registration liable to Fish and Game for the costs of a search and rescue response.

HB 1555: Makes it a crime to financially exploit the elderly and mandates a prison sentence for anyone doing so more than once.

HB 1624: Raises the juvenile age back up to 18 as suggested by advocates of juvenile justice as more appropriate when sentencing youths convicted of crimes.

I encourage you to contact me if you have questions about these bills or any other legislation. I can be reached at [ElectDavidKerrick@gmail.com](mailto:ElectDavidKerrick@gmail.com), at 456-2772, or on Facebook.

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## David Kerrick Looks Ahead to 2015 Legislative Session

Familiar issues will be back in 2015

**By David Kerrick  
NH State Representative**

Many bills that didn't pass in the 2014 session of the New Hampshire Legislature will reappear as new legislation in the session starting in January 2015. I've reviewed some of these bills below, and I need to hear the thoughts of my constituents about these and other important issues. If you choose me to represent you for another term in the New Hampshire Legislature, I shall be considering many of these questions, both on the Ways and Means Committee and then voting on them in the Legislature.

### Casino Gambling

The issue that has reappeared most frequently in recent years is the legalization of casino gambling. It has come closest to passage as a bill legalizing one or two highly regulated casinos.

Proponents see casinos providing jobs; keeping New Hampshire gamblers from going elsewhere; and paying greatly needed revenues to the State.

Opponents are worried about the social costs from addiction; the sustainability of revenue, with too many casinos already operating in the Northeast; financial influence by the gaming industry on New Hampshire politics; harm to existing entertainment venues; and damage to New Hampshire's clean, rural image.

### Death Penalty

Another bill coming close to passage was repealing the death penalty for the crime of capital murder. Proponents believe that the death penalty is barbaric; that the wrong person can be executed; and that keeping someone on death row through lengthy appeals may be more expensive than a life sentence.

Those favoring the death penalty in New Hampshire believe it is appropriate for the most heinous crimes and note that it has not been applied since 1939.

### Minimum Wage

The bill to raise the minimum wage was also hotly debated in the recent session. The House voted to raise it from the federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour to \$9.00 by 2015, but the bill was killed by the Senate.

Proponents believe that a higher minimum wage would attract a more qualified workforce and benefit women, who often work for lower wages than men. They also believe that higher wages would increase overall spending, which would help the New Hampshire economy. One cannot live on \$7.25 an hour in New Hampshire.

Opponents believe that increasing the minimum wage would mean that some companies could no longer afford to provide jobs, thus unemployment would increase, with youth and part-time workers losing work opportunities.

### Marijuana

Marijuana was also a major issue in 2014. Bills to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana and allow limited growing, use, and sale of marijuana were passed initially by the House but killed by the Senate.

Proponents of decriminalization believe possession arrests and possible jail terms are needlessly severe penalties for breaking a law ignored by many people. Others think the time has come for full legalization. This has already occurred in two states, with substantial fees collected by those states.

Opponents believe that marijuana is a gateway drug presenting serious addiction and health risks, especially to youth. They also point out that the possession and sale of marijuana is still illegal under Federal laws, making it difficult for banks to accept proceeds of marijuana sales.

### Use of Dedicated Funds

This Constitutional Amendment/Concurrent Resolution (CACR) was approved by the Senate but sent to Interim Study by the House. CACR 19 would ensure that funds raised by fees or assessments to pay for a specific purpose would only be used for that purpose and not easily diverted to the state's General Fund. It would only become law if approved by two-thirds of the state's voters in Town elections.

Those favoring this CACR believe that raised funds would be used for their stated purpose such as education. Those opposed believe this is too restrictive, with tight State budgets and possible unforeseen emergencies.

### Other Issues

Other issues that may reappear in the Legislature are the possible prohibition of firearm possession by New Hampshire residents with mental health issues; expanding background checks for gun purchases, especially for semi-automatic assault weapons; reconsideration of Right to Work – Anti-Union legislation; and repeal of the New Hampshire "Stand Your Ground" law passed in 2011.

As your representative, I need to know what you find important. Please give me your thoughts on these issues. You can always reach me by e-mail at ElectDavidKerrick@gmail.com. You can also find me on Facebook, and you can phone me at 456-2772.

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There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place as well as longest drive (men/women) and closest to the hole (men/women). There will also be a hole-in-one contest, putting contest, and raffle. A refund of \$35 will be given in case of inclement weather.

For more information call Howard George at 735-5590 or Bill Leber at 768-5144.

### Sponsorships

**Hole Sponsorships:** A sign with your organization's name will be displayed at the tee for \$50.

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**Donation:** Any donations of raffle prizes would be most appreciated.

Our club serves the towns of Andover, Wilmot, West Franklin, and Danbury. We have supported many community projects since the club was chartered in 1954, including:

- Health, vision, and hearing support for all ages.
- Youth programs and summer camps.
- Thousands of dollars in college scholarships.
- Food and gift baskets for those in need at the holidays.
- Defibrillator, jaws of life, and radios for the local fire department.
- All purpose building and 16 foot sign for Danbury.
- Support for local scout troops and Andover One Wheelers.
- Beach houses for the Andover swimming area.

Proceeds from this golf tournament will be used for projects like these and many more. Thanks for your support.

## Town is Looking for People to Plow and Sand

Building a list of independent contractors

By Andover Board of Selectmen

The Town of Andover is looking for independent contractors to plow and sand Town roads. If you are interested, please call 735-5332 or stop by the Town Hall and leave your name, phone number, and mailing address. The Board of

Selectmen is working with the Road Agent to develop a system for hiring contractors that complies with Town policy and the requirements for hiring passed at Town Meeting.

At this time, we are only building a list of interested parties and will have additional information on the Town Web site at Andover.NH.us and in the October issue of *The Andover Beacon*.



## Town's New Web Site Launched at Andover.NH.us

Comments sought on how to improve it

By Andover Board of Selectmen

If you have not visited our new Town Web site at Andover.NH.us yet, please do and let us know how we can improve it to better serve you. The goal of the Web site is to make accessing everything about the Town of Andover easier and more convenient.

This new Web site has been in the works since last fall, and our Town

Administrator, Marj Roy, worked diligently to get the Web site ready for use.

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## Town Plans to Combat Knotweed with Herbicides

Treatment starts this fall at town lines

By Andover Board of Selectmen

The USDA estimates that Japanese Knotweed spreads at a rate of 30% to 50% yearly if unchecked. The Board of Selectmen has chosen herbicides as the way to control knotweed. This involves the repetitive use of herbicides to slowly kill the plant. In some cases, the stem of the plant will actually be injected to kill it at its root. This option is by no means a quick solution and can often take months, even years, to properly eradicate or control the knotweed.

The program will start this fall and continue next spring. It will start at the Franklin-Andover town line and at the Andover-Salisbury town line in September. If you would like to help or want more information, please contact us at 735-5332.

Japanese Knotweed is native to East-

ern Asia and was introduced to North America in the 19th century. Knotweed does very well along roadways and rivers. It reproduces by seed and through large root systems, which may reach a length of 40 to 60 feet. A small piece of root can float down a river and begin to grow once it is deposited on land. These buried roots have grown through two inches of asphalt!

The heart-shaped leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. The leaves are normally about six inches long by three to four inches wide. Minute greenish-white flowers are produced in axillary panicles.

This plant is a threat to native vegetation because it often forms dense patches which shade out all other plants. It is a particular threat in wetland areas, where it can survive floods and quickly colonize scoured stream banks. Japanese Knotweed is difficult to eradicate once it has become established.



## Public Hearing on TDS Fiber Gathers Questions

Members needed for new committee

By Andover Board of Selectmen

The Andover Board of Selectmen held a public hearing in August to obtain feedback on the installation of fiber optic cable by TDS here in Andover. Several issues were brought to the attention of the Selectmen:

What streets in Andover will not be getting access to fiber optic cable service?

When would the town's community access cable channel be activated on TDS?

What services are being provided to the Town Hall, the school, the libraries, and the fire stations?

While we do not have a letter con-

firmed this as of yet, TDS has claimed that all of Andover, excepting only the homes services by PSNH (Last Street, Route 11 near the Franklin town line, and several homes on Flaghole Road near the Franklin town line), would have fiber optic cable as an option. I have confirmed that the residents at the end of Beech Hill Road have been contacted and offered service.

The community access cable channel does not yet have an activation date, and the Selectmen are gathering information about current Internet access needs at Town facilities.

Lastly, we are looking for four volunteers to serve on the Andover Cable TV Committee; we have one volunteer in hand. If you are interested, please contact us directly at 735-5332.

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Photo: Charlie Darling

## User Fees Expand Services Without Affecting Tax Rate

Guidelines will be developed this fall

By Andover Board of Selectmen

September is the official start of budget season, and the Andover Board of Selectmen invites everyone to put forward ideas and suggestions or just attend one of the many budget meetings that will be taking place this fall and winter.

Over the past 20 years, user fees have become a means to expand services without affecting the tax rate. All user fees are governed by and regulated by New Hampshire state law. Building permits, construction waste, and photo copying are common fees that the Town charges for specific services.

In addition to offsetting Town costs,

user fees establish a feedback loop for each activity, allowing the user to determine the value of the service. I think this works well at the Town level and is less effective at the county and state levels of government.

Town user fees are adjusted annually to ensure compliance with state law, as user fees should not generate a surplus; they should only cover the costs for the service offered. The town Transfer Station offers many services for which a fee is charged, like construction debris. Currently, the fee is based on hauling costs for the material and does not include other related costs, like labor.

The Board of Selectmen will be working with the Budget Committee to develop guidelines for setting fees this fall.



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## What will Andover Look Like in 2030?

Selectmen taking steps toward planning

By Andover Board of Selectmen

What will our town look like in 2030? Why will people want to move into our town, or out? What actions can our town, businesses, and/or residents take to help ensure a bright future for Andover?

The Board of Selectmen has taken a few tentative steps towards planning for our town's future, including identifying resources like the Blackwater River, the Northern Rail Trail, and the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway trail. The Board has talked about signage on Routes 4 and 11 and developing specific areas for the public to access these resources.

We have also looked into joining with other towns for purchasing and even providing public services, like the Transfer Station. In 2013, we spoke with the Wilmot Board of Selectmen about entering into an agreement for Wilmot residents to use our updated transfer

facility, which is less than a mile down the road from Wilmot.

Several area communities have Economic Development Committees which take the lead in identifying community needs and underutilized resources and develop a long-term economic strategy. One of the major challenges we face is finding volunteers to staff committees already established. We are currently seeking members for several committees and boards.

At Town Meeting last year, the Board presented a warrant article to fund needed bridge and road repairs here in town. This year, I plan to present a warrant article seeking to address energy consumption at the Transfer Station and at Town Hall. The Andover Energy Committee has presented a very compelling case to investigate three sources of renewable energy: solar, wind, and geothermal. Based on the information provided, our town would gain long-term cost savings by investing in these technologies.



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## Town Policies for Transfer Station Updated

Changes reflect SSR, new state law

By Marj Roy, Town Administrator

Prior to updating the Transfer Station rules and regulations to include single-stream recycling, I reviewed the original Transfer Station rules from 1989. With a few exceptions, the "new" rules are basically the same as those adopted by the Board of Selectmen in 1989.

Some of the changes from 1989 are operating hours, tires are held in a stor-

age area, no dimensional lumber (even if untreated) can be burned, and single-stream recycling has been established.

The Rules for Use of Solid Waste Transfer Station Facility include definitions of Acceptable Waste and Unacceptable Waste. The operator(s) have the authority at the facility to direct use of the facility in accordance with these regulations. Complete copies of the Rules and Regulations are available at the Selectmen's Office and the Transfer Station.



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### TOWN OF ANDOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE SUMMARY OF RULES FOR SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION

Effective June 5, 1989 • Amended August 4, 2014

**FACILITY USE:** The solid waste transfer station facility is for use by residents, businesses, and institutions located within the Town of Andover, New Hampshire. NO waste from any source outside Andover will be accepted.

**LOCATION:** North side of Route 11, west of the intersection of Routes 11 and 4, 640 Main Street, Andover, New Hampshire.

**HOURS:** As may be posted. Wednesday 7 AM to 5 PM; Saturday 7 AM to 5 PM Summer hours: Beginning annually on Memorial Day, Wednesday hours will be 7 AM to 6 PM

**STICKER REQUIRED:** Each user shall display a sticker available at the Town Clerk's Office or at the Transfer Station. Vehicle registration is required for issuance of a sticker. Local (Andover resident) commercial haulers whose vehicle weight exceeds 8,500 pounds GVW will apply for a permit at the Selectmen's Office prior to their use of the facility.

**OPERATOR:** The facility operators shall have authority to direct deposits and use of the facility, and will set hours and on-site unloading priorities for commercial haulers.

**ACCEPTABLE WASTE TO HOPPER/COMPACTOR:** Household, commercial and institutional refuse; up to 4'x4'x3' maximum size or as directed by operator(s). Some material may require size reduction by the generator prior to deposit to the compactor.

**OTHER ACCEPTABLE DEPOSITS:** Brush and leaves go to burning pit. Maximum 24" cross section, 8 foot length, untreated. Grass and leaves may be directed to a compost pile at the direction of a facility operator. Large metal and white goods to be segregated to the metal bin for recycling.

**SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING:** Residents using the Transfer Station are strongly encouraged to use the Single Stream Compactor for acceptable recyclables: Cardboard- boxes broken down- cereal, pasta, shoe, and juice boxes, egg cartons; Paper- newspapers, junk mail (no window envelopes), office paper, envelopes, catalogs, paperback books, telephone books, magazines and inserts, folders, brown bags, Plastic-containers #1-7, milk jugs, bleach and detergent jugs, shampoo bottles, laundry baskets, buckets; Metal-foil, aluminum and steel cans including empty aerosol cans, pie plates and trays.

**UNACCEPTABLE WASTE NOT RECEIVED AT FACILITY:** hazardous waste, waste not generated in Andover, liquids or sludges, stumps, concrete, asphalt, bricks, rubble, soil, dead animals, manure.

**VIOLATION OF RULES:** May result in fines up to \$1,000.

**DETAILS OF RULES:** Available from Transfer Station attendant and from the Town Office.

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Thanks to the following

volunteers for managing the August 9 Swap Shop: Kim Hallquist, Pat Moyer, Nan Kaplan, Ken Tripp, and Ralph Doe. Question: Richard Brewster would like to know ...Who were the three carpenters who constructed the Swap Shop building?



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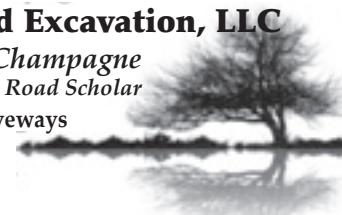
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## Andover Fire Department, September 2014

By Rene Lefebvre  
Fire Department Chief

A short time ago I attended a retirement gathering for Chief Richard Wright. I am very sure that Chief Wright is not a household name, and most would not recognize him. However, his work over more than 50 years affects how fire departments manage the resources that we depend on when we call for mutual aid support.

It has long been recognized that no single community is able to equip itself to handle large structure fires or natural emergencies. We all need help. Chief Wright recognized this fact in the late 1960s. With the skill of a diplomat, he began to bring together fire departments in the Concord area.

Organizing several fire departments to work as one is a tough task. One must remember, each fire department has a Chief. He is usually not a good person for taking orders, even good ones.

Chief Wright did the impossible and continued to train communities to work as one. I cannot remember any large-scale incident when he was not there.

He called in and managed resources for the local fire chief with a calm, reassuring voice and skill that only a dedicated professional is able to master.

One speaker at the Chief's retirement gathering spoke of the respect he was given when he walked into a room; a respect not born of his rank, but of a quiet competence.

Mutual aid is now commonplace, and there are several large mutual aid centers in New Hampshire. I have had the honor of serving as chairman of the Board of Directors for the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. Chief Wright has been the leader of the Capitol Area Mutual Aid Compact since it started in the early 1970s. While I never competed with Chief Wright, I did pay close attention to what he was doing – the junior watching the master.

There are not many who have made such a profound impact and improvement to the fire service as Chief Wright. I am very proud to know him and honored to call him a friend. Chief, enjoy your retirement – you have taught us well.

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# TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Board Of Selectmen

**July 21**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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

### Road Agent

Road Agent John Thompson reported the following:

Bruce Davis will meet on Tuesday, July 29, to discuss cold mix/chip sealer presentation.

John said he will get together a quote to fix Flaghole Road from Tower Hill to the Franklin town line. The ditches are very poor, the water run-off is not reaching the ditches, and during the last rain storm the road washed out and left an 8- to 10-inch-deep hole.

Selectmen Danforth asked John to check out the large pothole next to the storm drain on Lawrence Street. We need to figure out if it's the Town road or Jake's Market parking lot that needs fixing.

John said Plains Road needs to have ditches, 16" shoulder on both sides of road, ditches cleaned, in an approximate distance of 1.3 miles of road on both sides.

The Hoyt Road turn-around was quoted at \$7,845 in 2012.

Selectmen Danforth asked John if we have a price for Kearsarge Mountain Road turn around.

Selectmen Danforth asked John to get a list of the top 10 roads needing repair for next year.

Selectmen Danforth asked where we are with prior year projects. Specifically in question is Sam Hill Road. John Thompson said he will need to get with Jon Champagne to discuss what he started.

Letters need to be sent out from the Town to abutters on top of Hoyt Road regarding a new turn-around.

The Town needs to fix water drainage issue on Beech Hill Road for Peter Lawall due to prior water drain issue

with the neighbor which was corrected by the Town, but then Peter Lawall started having problems as a result of the repair.

### Special Olympics Event

Pecco Beaufays handed the Town Administrator pamphlets for a Special Olympics event being held at Carr Field on September 27. Pecco would like the support of the Selectmen and a letter from the Town Administrator providing the Town's support. This will be a great opportunity for local non-profit organizations to raise funds as food vendors and support Special Olympics.

All Selectmen agreed they support the fundraiser and Marj Roy will get the letter out. If successful this year, this will be an annual event.

### Tax Collector

Joanna Sumner stated that everyone has kept up with their arrangements with the Town for back taxes, and she just set up a new commitment with a resident and received payment today.

She reported that the outstanding balance for the year 2011 is \$15,071; the year 2012 is \$76,925; and the year 2013 is \$103,736.

### File Conversion Report

Pat Moyer has been filing, organizing and purging information from the Planning Board folders. She has completed about 25% of the information.

Pat has removed all duplications and out-dated information from 30 years ago but has kept all originals in each folder. This has freed up a whole file cabinet.

Pat still has the Trustee of Trust Funds files to work on, and the Conservation Commission files need to be put in basement file cabinet. The maps should be recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds. Pat needs to look at all property cards from 2003 to verify they do not have any notes to carry forward on them.

See Selectmen on page 16

## 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

**Andover Library:**

Mon, 6:30-8:30  
Wed, 9-12 & 6:30-8:30  
Thu, 12:30-4:30 • Sat, 10-12

**Bachelder Library:**

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Thu, 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5

**Transfer Station:**

Wed, 7-6 (7-5 during Standard Time)  
Sat, 7-5

**Swap Event (May-Oct):**

2nd Sat (rain date: 3rd Sat)  
Transfer Station, 8-12

### MEETINGS

*At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted*

**Board of Selectmen:**

1st & 3rd Mon, 6

**Planning Board:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:**

3rd Tue, 7

**Conservation:** 2nd Wed, 7:30

**Recreation Comm:** 2nd Tues, 7,

AE/MS Science Room

**Library Trustees:** 3rd Thu, 7

(except Jul & Aug), Andover Library or Bachelder 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

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

## Mark Your Calendar!

### SEPTEMBER

- 1: Fire Dept Business Meeting, 7
- 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

### OCTOBER

- 1: Fourth of July Committee, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 6: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 6: Fire Dept Business Meeting, 7
- 7: Building Permits, 6-7
- 7: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 8: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 13: Swap Shop – last of the season! Transfer Station, 8-12
- 14: Building Permits, 6-7
- 14: Planning Board, 7
- 14: Andover EMS, East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 14: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7
- 16: Library Trustees, 7
- 20: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 20: Fire Department Training, 7
- 21: Building Permits, 6-7
- 21: Zoning Board, 7

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## Selectmen from page 16

### Town Administrator Report

Marj Roy reported the following:

Letter received from Doug Miner appointing Stephen Barton as Fire Warden.

No hazardous material was found by DES when soil tests were conducted on Third Lane.

Marj presented examples of reports to the Selectmen.

Marj receives copies and signs off on all journal entries.

All beginning balances for 2014 were received from the auditors this week and entered into the new software system.

Selectmen will receive budget reports on a biweekly basis and as needed.

Marj has submitted application for State and Federal Forest Land reimbursement.

The Web site should be launched by the end of the month. Marj is still waiting to hear back regarding .GOV e-mail addresses request.

Request for bids are posted at the Transfer Station regarding repairs needed on the new Transfer Station building.

Marj presented a partial 100-item list of responsibilities for Finance Office Secretary and Bookkeeper.

### Old Business

Asbestos mitigation has been completed at 76 Bridge Road, and Marj will call the lowest bidder from the 2013 demolition bids to confirm that the rate is still good.

### New Business

The August 18 Board meeting will be moved to August 25. All three Selectmen approved the change.

### Correspondence and Signatures

Selectmen approved leaving July 7 non-public minutes open to the public.

Professional Service agreement with Joanne Smith was signed by Selectmen.

Hardship Policy was signed, ap-

proved, and accepted by Selectmen.

Four land use changes on tax warrants were provided by Avitar and signed by all three Selectmen.

Three forms received for Intent to Cut were signed by all three Selectmen.

Chief Laramie spoke briefly on the timely manner of the Moose/Vehicle accident report last week.

## Conservation Commission

### July 9

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Mary Anne Broshek (chair); members Larry Chase, Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan, Derek Mansell; guests Andy Deegan, Sandra Graves

### Old Business

Led by Andy Deegan, land protection specialist at the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), attendees planned for an ACC-sponsored August 20 public presentation on conservation easements, identifying local property-owners who will be contacted personally by ACC members. Also, Larry agreed to write a news release for local media.

Arrangements for the July 20 *Little Loon Grows Up* presentation by Kittie Wilson at Bluewater Farm were completed.

Derek reported that the Proctor Academy hiking trails in the vicinity of Adder (Hopkins) Pond being considered for identification as trails for townspeople need additional planning and maintenance, and that Proctor is very willing to work with us. Larry will pursue with Proctor Forester Dave Pilla in the fall.

Re: organizing a pollinator workshop, Derek reported that he will link Stacy Luke, district manager, Merrimack County Conservation District, with a Proctor faculty member in order to plant an appropriate flower gar-

den in the fall and to evaluate it in the spring as a site for a workshop.

Re: knotweed eradication, Mary Anne will contact Selectman Sophie Viandier about the status of the Selectmen's eradication planning.

Re: easement monitoring, Derek presented a list of Andover conservation easements, their locations, and the owners of the properties on which they are located. Sandra volunteered to attempt to provide some missing information. Mary Anne will convert the list to a Word document. Members agreed to send corrections and additions to Mary Anne, and she will update the document.

Ed Spencer has offered his help in working with Derek and the ACC on how to prepare baseline documentation and work with current landowners of existing easements to develop "current condition reports" for those easements without baseline documentation.

Re: lake signage, Larry agreed to develop new language to reflect the recent Bradley Lake rule changes, to review the new wording with the Village District and DES, and to have a new sign made for the kiosk at the Bradley Lake dam. Mary Anne reported that Selectman Duncan Coolidge will oversee new signage for Highland Lake after passage of an appropriate ordinance.

Re: the Andover Energy Group (AEG), Larry reported that the AEG was working with representatives of New London and Wilmot to collaborate

in applying to participate in a "Solarize Upper Valley" project to encourage residential solar-electric installations in the three towns. (The application was successful.)

Re: Andover's co-occurrence mapping, done in 2010, Mary Anne will determine if Laura Alexander of Colby-Sawyer College, who oversaw the initial and subsequent mapping, can help update the visual material that can be used by Town boards and residents.

## Recreation Committee

### June 10

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** members Tom Frantz, Ellie George, Howard George, Alan Hanscom, Heidi Murphy, Tim Norris, Brian Reynolds, and Kurt Webber

**Treasurer's Report:** 48% of the recreation budget has been spent, and we are 49% through the year.

### Programs

**Hockey Rink:** Masse Electric resolved the issue of the erratic electricity with the addition of new fusing.

It was decided that the Recreation Committee needs to purchase a large new snowblower for clearing the hockey rink. The best price will be assessed from among our local options: Belletes, Lowe's, and Home Depot.

**Playground:** The playground swings and rings have been repaired by Howard George and Tim Norris.

See Recreation on page 18

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## Recreation from page 17

**Soccer:** Heidi Murphy reports that registrations have gone out. Heidi went to the Directors Meeting in Concord and will go to another meeting in Penacook. There is a plan to update the Merrimack Valley Soccer League with directions to the various fields. There are 18 area towns in the league. Injury report form will go out to all coaches.

Player registrations are coming in. Most coaching slots are full. Once the Soccer League declares its closing dates, people must sign up within that period.

**Soccer fees:** June signup, first child in a family \$30, second \$25, \$10 each after that; July signup: first child in a family \$35, second \$30, \$10 each after that. The same price structure will apply to basketball.

**Swimming:** Matt Doyle of Salisbury is our swimming instructor this summer. He has signed up for July 7 to 10 and July 14 to 17. Salisbury fees: first child in a family \$35, second \$30, \$10 each after that, which includes a free beach permit. Andover fees will be \$30, \$25, and \$10.

A printed notice has gone to Salisbury inviting their participation.

**Recreation Building:** Lloyd Perreault will supervise the installation of electricity from the pole down to the building. The price of materials will be \$1,042 including 140'. The pole near the building will remain, but a new meter will be installed. Electricity will be into

the building with 200 amp service.

Four of the six bleacher boards need to be replaced with new 2 x 12, 16' at a cost of \$127.

**Fields and Maintenance:** Bids on the Blackwater Park maintenance will close on July 12 and be opened on July 16. The issue of how to work with the new "major league" field size versus the soccer goal area will be discussed at the August meeting.

The next meeting will take place at AE/MS on Tuesday, August 12, at 7 PM.

## School Board

### June 3

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Board present:** Michelle Dudek, Don Gould, Charlie McCrave, Anne Swayze, and Kent Armstrong

**Administration present:** Mike Martin, Christine Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, and Judith Turk

**Public present:** Tina Cotton

**Financial Report:** Robin presented the estimated fund balance. High school tuition enrollment was down, and salaries for World Language and Technology positions were not filled.

A list of itemized expenditures regarding building needs was presented and explained by Robin. It was suggested that other vendor bids should be pursued for higher price items (fence, cafeteria tables). The Board voted to establish a budget not to exceed \$45,000 for recommended expenditures after

Board consultation of bids.

A discussion took place in reference to the expendable trust funds. The Board voted unanimously to fund both the Special Education and High School Tuition Contingency Funds for \$25,000 each.

### Old Business

**Middle School Sports:** Mike explained the procedure for Andover Middle School students to participate in Merrimack Valley Middle School sports. He recommended that the timeline and process be further defined and that the policy be formalized as a memorandum of understanding with the Merrimack Valley School District.

Michelle stated that student expectations should be added involving behavior and academics, and the middle school requirements for participation.

**Transportation Contract:** The current transportation contract with First Student will expire on June 30, 2015. Board members will do a thorough review of the current agreement and bid specifications. It was the consensus of the Board to re-bid the transportation contract.

**Flaghole Road Bus Stop:** Mike has asked the New Hampshire Department of Education to complete a review of the current issue involving the Flaghole Road bus stop due to the question of safe conditions for walking which is indicated in the RSA.

### New Business

**Marinace Contract:** An agreement has been reached with Frank Marinace, Architect, PA regarding the Request for Proposals for a facility study. A work session will be held on June 10.

**Oil Bids:** Robin presented oil bid results for the 2014-15 school year. The Board voted unanimously to approve AD&G Fuel as the vendor for the 2014-15 school year, with the proposed \$3.1275 firm price per gallon.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mike announced that the principal position

at Merrimack Valley High School has been offered to David Miller, who is the current Assistant Principal at Kearsarge Regional High school.

Before entering the non-public session, Michelle acknowledged that this was Mike Martin's last official Andover School Board Meeting. She thanked him for his service. Tina stated that Mike has always been an "even keel" when there was any upheaval.

After the non-public session, the Board voted unanimously to nominate Putnam Kidder as kindergarten teacher under the condition that confirmation of K-8 certification is received from the New Hampshire Department of Education before a contract is issued.

### June 10 Work Session

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Board present:** Michelle Dudek, Don Gould, Anne Swayze, Charlie McCrave, and Kent Armstrong

**Administration present:** Mike Martin, Robin Heins, Jane Slayton, and Judith Turk. **Public present:** Tibor Farkas, architect.

**Work on Facilities** Study with architect: Tibor presented a preliminary checklist to be used as a guide for the Board in terms of discussion and planning. The four layers of design for consideration include:

- Access/Security/Safety
- Programming
- Code Compliance
- Building Envelope / Interior Needs

**Other:** Charlie McCrave announced his resignation from the Andover School Board, citing personal reasons.

### June 19 Work Session

*Condensed from approved minutes*

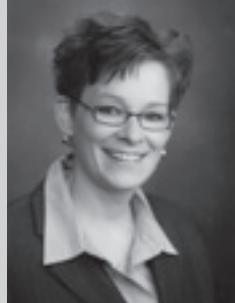
**Board present:** Michelle Dudek, Don Gould, and Anne Swayze

**Administration present:** Mike Martin, Robin Heins, and Judith Turk

**Tuition Student Request:** The Board voted unanimously to accept the out-of-district student request contingent upon District receipt of each quarterly tuition payment in advance.

The Board voted unanimously to deny signing a tuition agreement with the Kearsarge Regional School District pertaining to the Kellogg request, the decision based on legal advice.

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Scuba diver and underwater explorer and historian Hans Hug has found dozens of shipwrecks in Lake Winnipesaukee.

## Lecture Explores "What Lies Beneath Winnipesaukee"

Thursday, September 4,  
in Franklin

### Press release

In September, a very special event will be held by the Franklin Historical Society at the Franklin Public Library at 310 Central Street in Franklin. On Thursday, September 4, at 7 PM, scuba diver and underwater explorer and historian Hans Hug will discuss the deep aquatic finds lying at the bottom of Lake Winnipesaukee in an engrossing style that has attracted hundreds of rapt listeners all over New Hampshire.

*What Lies Beneath Winnipesaukee*, will delve into the artifacts, shipwrecks, and other underwater discoveries that Mr. Hug has uncovered over the years he has taken his camera to the depths

of the Big Lake. Using old maps, photographs, historical research, and high tech side-scan sonar, he has discovered many new and fascinating things, including dozens of heretofore unknown shipwrecks.

Mr. Hug will display many of the objects he has found, as well as underwater photographs and sonar images, and will show a short video of one of the wrecks he located. Of interest to history buffs, scuba divers, or just armchair adventurers, this is an educational event not to be missed.

There is no admission charge, and the presentation is open to all. After the program, the Society will hold its regular monthly business meeting, and all attendees are encouraged to stay, listen, and participate.



## Franklin Historical Society Hosts an Open House

Saturday, August 30, and  
Monday, September 1

### Press release

For two days over Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, August 30, and Monday, Labor Day, September 1, from 10 AM to 2 PM, the Franklin Historical Society will hold an Open House. Please come familiarize yourself with the exhibits and knowledge of our docents at the Society's museum at 21 Holy Cross Road, off New Hampshire Route 3.

If you have not been able to attend monthly meetings and therefore have not had the opportunity to view the displays of Franklin business memorabilia, a Victorian parlor complete with pictures of Franklin's most prominent 19th century citizens, a replica school room from the days that the building was part of the New Hampshire Orphans Home, the tribute to Alice and John Shepard who worked for decades to produce the definitive early History of Franklin, a drum set from a 1930s local band, or

peruse 19th century documents and engravings relating to the development of Franklin, this is your chance.

If you are walking, jogging, or biking the Northern Rail Trail, which runs right by the Society, stop by to chat and refresh yourself with drinks



The Franklin Historical Society's open house is free and is convenient to the Northern Rail Trail.

and snacks which will be available for purchase, with proceeds going to the Society. The Society's president, curator, and volunteer members will be available to answer your questions on both days.

The event is free and open to all, and inquiries about membership are encouraged. For more information, visit [FranklinNHHistoricalSociety.org](http://FranklinNHHistoricalSociety.org).

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## Make Apple Head Dolls at Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

By Donna Baker-Hartwell  
Andover Historical Society

On Sunday, September 14, from 1 to 3 PM, the one-room schoolhouse built in 1837 on Tucker Mountain Road will be open for visitors. Many artifacts of the period will be on exhibit, including schoolbooks, ink wells, and a hickory stick. The Andover Historical Society's 2015 calendar featuring East Andover will be available for purchase.

Apples and cookies will be served. Anyone interested in learning how to cut an apple for making an apple head doll may do so when visiting.

Mother Earth News says this about apple head dolls: "The Seneca Indians were reportedly the first people to make dolls out of apples ... but the craft was later adopted by mountaineers in Appalachia, where such handmade toys are still produced as part of the area's cottage industry." You can read the whole article at [AndoverBeacon.com/Apple-Head-Dolls](http://AndoverBeacon.com/Apple-Head-Dolls).

Hope to see you there! Follow the signs off Route 11 to Tucker Mountain Road. The schoolhouse is located two miles from the Highland Lake Inn. For more information, call 381-5586. 

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## Fifty Years Ago in Andover: September 1964

Ray Burton is new principal at Andover Elementary

Jonathan Snyder, Garry George, and Wendy and Wayne Curtis.

### September 24, 1964

Editorial: "The students of Franklin High School were done out of roughly 15 minutes of school yesterday morning ... including probably 10 minutes of actual class time. Why?

"Five minutes before the tardy bell was due to ring at 8 AM, Mrs. Evelyn Beaulieu, school secretary, received a phone call: 'There's a bomb at the high school.'

"Who called? A husky-voiced young man. And that was all that he said.

"In short order, Mrs. Beaulieu informed Principal Joseph Burleigh, called Superintendent Herman Donegan, called the fire department, and called the police department. The school was empty of students before 8 AM.

"After a thorough search, no bomb was found. Mr. Burleigh said that although incidents of this kind had happened all around, this was the first time in his memory that it had happened in Franklin."



Private funeral services were held for Mrs. Helen Robinson Edgar, who died at her home in Andover on September 15 after a long illness.

Mrs. Edgar was a native of Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts, and had lived in Andover for the past 44 years. She was a graduate of Chalif School of Dancing in New York City.

She founded and directed Ragged Mountain Camp for Girls from 1920 to 1957. Her son, the late John B. Edgar, founded the Ragged Lake Camp for boys in 1937.



Shorty Guptill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Guptill, entered his race horse in Hopkinton Fair and won two races, then went to Tunbridge Fair on the weekend and won two races and the JP Lake Trophy. Shorty was the youngest driver there. He has entered the University of New Hampshire for his freshman year.



New Football Coach at Proctor Academy: David Fowler, former Colby College [Waterville, Maine] football captain, has been appointed Varsity Football Coach at Proctor, Headmaster Lyle H. Farrell announced this week. Fowler will replace Coach Spencer W. Wright as Head Coach.

David Fowler was Co-Captain of Choate, from which he graduated in 1953. He entered the Marine Corps after his freshman year at Colby. Returning in 1956, he played three years of varsity football and was Co-Captain his senior year.

Graduating from Colby in 1960 with a BA in American History, he married Alice Stebbins of Colchester, Connecticut and became Football Coach at Hawaii Preparatory Academy for four years.





Peter Southworth of the FNRT helps Violet Jordan-Weis of Andover, 4, with friends behind her, pick the names of the 2014 FNRT raffle winners at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair in Potter Place on August 3.

## FNRT Raffle Helps Build the Final Stretch of Rail Trail

Area businesses provide prizes for fundraiser

### Press release

The summer raffle of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail raised money to support trail maintenance and the building of the final stretch of trail, from Boscawen to the Concord boundary. The prizes were donated by local businesses.

Richard Bott of East Andover won the bicycle donated by Piche's of Laconia, and Marcia Hansen of trail!

Danbury won two nights lodging donated by the Highland Lake Inn. Gift certificates were won by Lois Magueau of Andover (Jake's Market), Bruce Swanson of Mansfield, Massachusetts (Blackwater Junction Restaurant), Karen Padgett of Danbury (Flying Goose Brew Pub), and Paul Lazdowski of New London (Pizza Chef).

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## \$1 in Land Conservation Returns \$11 in Goods and Services

New report on benefits of protecting open space

### Press release

The Trust for Public Land has released the results from the New Hampshire Return on Investment in Land Conservation Study.

The Trust for Public Land conducted an economic analysis of the return on New Hampshire's investment in land conservation through a variety of state programs that funded land acquisition statewide and found that every \$1 invested in land conservation returned

\$11 in natural goods and services to the New Hampshire economy.

In addition, land conservation funded by the State of New Hampshire supports key industries that depend on the availability of high-quality protected land and water. New Hampshire has also been successful in leveraging funding support from federal, local, and private sources, expanding the impact of the state's investment.

You can read a summary of the key findings and the benefits of open space investments in the state at [AndoverBeacon.com/Conservation-Study](http://AndoverBeacon.com/Conservation-Study).



## Ausbon Sargent Hosts Long-Distance Bike Rides on September 6

A beautiful, strenuous fundraiser

### Press release

The third annual Kearsarge Klassic Bike Randonnee will take place on Saturday, September 6. This bike event continues to be one of Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust's (ASLPT) best fundraising events of the year.

We collaborate with the New Hampshire Cycling Club to offer a number of scenic routes with varying degrees of difficulty, all beginning and ending

at the New London Historical Society. Cyclists are always excited to meander over the back roads, passing through many of the 12 towns that ASLPT serves.

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

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  - o Sept 20 (Sat): AMC Rock Moving Workshop, Newbury near Chalk Pond. Safely move large rocks to build trail steps on Greenway's Fishersfield Trail. Appalachian Mountain Club Trails instructor. All tools provided. Less than 1 mi. Contact: Nathan Richer (ph: 763-2127 or email: [nricher@ruger.com](mailto:nricher@ruger.com))
  - o Sept 28 (Sun): Bradford's handsome Knight's Hill Trail. Repair and build waterbars to remove water and reduce trail erosion. Shovels primarily: moderate: work over a few miles to and fro. Help the Bradford Conservation Commission maintain this trail. Contact: George Beaton (ph: 938-2637)
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Arch Weathers hosted the annual auction at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair with his usual verve and humor.

Photos: Larry Chase

## Great Weather, Great Crowd, Great Old Time Fair in Potter Place!

Lots of hard work made  
for a great day

By Ken Reid  
Andover Historical Society

Sunday, August 5, dawned bright  
and sunny. Officers and members of the

Andover Historical Society all breathed  
a sigh of relief as they prepared themselves  
to be off and running for the annual Old Time Fair held at Potter Place.

Through the years, weather on the first Sunday in August has proven to be unpredictable and sometimes challenging. We've seen it all – extreme heat, wind, storms, thunder and lightning, torrential downpours, and occasionally – like this

See Fair on page 23



Larry Chase of Andover won the Historical Society's raffle for the huge gift basket of items donated by local crafters and businesses.



Larry generously "re-gifted" the Raggedy Andy doll from the gift basket to Mrs. Doris Ebel of New London.



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## Fair from page 22

year – absolutely perfect New England early fall weather! The day was delightful, the weather cooperated, and the general disposition of many people who attended seemed up-beat and positive.

No one can quite remember exactly when Andover's Old Time Fair began. It seems to have begun as a fundraising auction at the Andover Fire Station sometime in the early 1980s – now close to 35 years ago! It has grown to be the largest annual fundraising event for the Andover Historical Society.

As usual, there were various events occurring throughout the day. Beginning at 9 AM, the gates were thrown open to perhaps the largest flea market the fair has ever seen. There were ample bargains to go around, and people seemed pleased with their finds. The farmer's market had its customary home grown vegetables and baked goods as well as flowers and plants – and it sold out!

There was plenty of food to go around this year, including strawberry shortcake, ice cream, sweets, and various other items of food and drink. Culinary artisans were on hand who made homemade jelly, jams, and marmalade, as well as Moose Country Gourmet's homemade mustards, fudge, and barbecue sauces.

There were also handmade crafts for sale at the fair, and the Railroad Pumper Car rides were again a success with the young crowd. Visitors, especially those from away, were impressed with the buildings and displays of the Historical Society at the Potter Place Depot and the Emons Store and Post Office, as well as the secret garden in the cellar hole of Richard Potter's house site.

At noon, Andover's own Arch Weathers began the annual auction of antiques and donated items. Music was provided by Lindsay Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band, and its tones wafted through the air throughout the morning. The children attending had great fun making huge bubbles and listening to Carolyn Parrott, who entertained them with music and stories.

There were many artists and craftsmen demonstrating their talents at the

fair this year. Demonstrations included the art of chair caning, penny rug-making, rug hooking, spinning, weaving, carding and lace-making, felted and knitted wool items, basket weaving, wooden works including hand-made bowls, wooden spoons and utensils, and kayak paddle-making.

Demonstrations of wood carving and sculpting, bird and bat house-making, as well as homemade whirligigs and spinners for the lawn, clothing, candles, and other fabric items and accessories. Also demonstrated was the art of fly tying for fishing, oil painting, and jewelry-making.

Wow! I hope I did not leave anyone out – but you can see by the sheer number of vendors at the fair, that visitors could easily spend hours simply viewing these items and talking with the various artists about the quality work they produce.

One of the highlights of the fair for the past few years has been the selling of raffle tickets for a huge gift basket. The basket is traditionally filled with wonderful items donated from the local community – homemade items, food-stuffs, gift certificates, etc. You get the idea; it is a very generous and overflowing basket of goodies.

The response through ticket sales is always impressive. Wanda Smith has done a yeoman's job over the past few years in obtaining the contributions and making the raffling of this basket an "over-the-top" event.

This year the raffling of the basket proved to be an extra special event, with dual winners! When the tickets were stirred around and shaken, and the magic ticket was drawn, it was none other than Andover's own Larry Chase who won the prize.

Shortly after the drawing, while Larry was looking through the gift basket, he was approached by a wonderful little lady who had been avidly enjoying the day at the fair. It was apparent that this delightful woman was particularly drawn to the Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls in the basket. The rest is history; Larry spontaneously handed the Andy doll to Mrs. Doris Ebel of New London, and the two of them came out huge winners in this small local event! ☺



Andul Sundaramurthy of Two Mountain Farm in Andover waits on a customer at a recent Wilmot Farmers Market gathering.

Photo: Mary Fanelli

## Only Four Farmers Market Days Left in Wilmot

**Farmers Market Runs through September 20**

**By Mary Lloyd-Evans  
Wilmot Farmers Market**

Summer is coming to an end, so if you have not visited Wilmot Farmers Market, there are only four market days left. If you are a regular customer, bring a friend to enjoy the ambiance of an outdoor market.

This is the time to stock up on meat and vegetables for the fall and winter. It is also an opportunity to shop early for the holidays, whether it is for a handmade craft or special preserve. Vendors are prepared to take orders, and many will have opportunities for customers to visit their home stands.

Music will be provided by Folk Fusion on September 6, Andover's Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain

Band on the 13th, Richard King on the 20th, and Mike Cressy on the 27th. The Education Tent will feature Spinning on the 6th, Fall Gardening on the 13th, and Bees on the 20th.

The vendors would like to thank all of our area customers who have supported us throughout the season. We have appreciated those of you who have been so loyal for several years and have been part of the "buy and grow local" movement. We hope that Wilmot Farmers Market is a Saturday pleasure for you all.

The Market will be open each Saturday, rain or shine, from 9 AM to noon, through September 27. If you have any questions, contact Donna Abair at HazardAcresFarm@yahoo.com or 763-9105, or visit WilmotFarmersMarket.com.

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## Andover's Two Mountain Farm has a New Farmer

Andul Sundaramurthy is from a farming family

By Jackson Bicknell, for the Beacon

In mid-April, Andul Sundaramurthy became the resident farmer for Two Mountain Farm, located on Shaw Hill Road in Andover. Andul replaces former farmer and Andover resident Kat Darling. At the height of Kat's career at Two Mountain Farm, she was running a 30-person CSA, grew vegetables on more than two and a half acres, sold produce to several markets in the area, and ran a horse logging operation in the winter.

"Tough shoes to fill," says Andul, "but this is my first time being my own boss, and I love it!"

Andul, a chipper and animated young woman, has a ceaseless smile that has not yet waivered in spite of rainy farmers markets, endless weeding ventures, and the time she punched a hole in the farm greenhouse with the tractor. Her positivity is absolutely contagious, but her work ethic is hard to match.

One could say farming is in Andul's blood. Her grandfather was a farmer, and her father spent much of his early life farming before moving to Canada and then the United States to work as an engineer.

"I feel like our society has lost at least

one full generation of farmers who teach their children the ways of farming. Nobody has parents to ask anymore, only grandparents now," said Andul.

Her smile returned when she voiced her optimism about the new generation of young people who want to be farmers. "It's exciting to see and be a part of this movement and shift of consciousness that is bringing people back to farms," she said.

Andul moved to Wilmot at the age of 10, first residing on Pleasant Lake to be closer to her mother's side of the family, the Stearns, an old New England family that can be traced back to two brothers who sailed over to the Americas on the Arabella. "My mother's side of the family, the Stearns, have been in Wilmot for a long time, about five generations," said Andul.

The North Wilmot Congregational Church was built by Isaac Stearns in 1829 and to this day remains the oldest church building in Wilmot. Andul's grandmother, Cathy Stearns, owns Bog Mountain Farm, also in Wilmot, which has been in the family since the late 1800s.

Andul is taking over the farm operations as part of New Hampshire's two-year Journey program, which is a mentoring-from-a-distance program for young farmers. The program is through



Andul Sundaramurthy works among her tomato and basil plants at Two Mountain Farm in Andover.  
Photo: Jackson Bicknell

the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) and helps young farmers transition from working as a farmhand to becoming an independent farmer. The previous Two Mountain farmer, Kat Darling, helps to mentor Andul.

Before her work started at Two Mountain Farm, Andul gained farming experience through her work as a farmhand, primarily at Muster Field Farm since 2003. Andul graduated from Hampshire College in 2008 with a major in Ethnomusicology, the study of various music cultures. After graduation, Andul worked for four winters grooming horses in New Zealand, returning to Muster Field in the summers to work.

In 2013, Andul moved to Massachusetts for a year, working part time as a nanny while pursuing her dream of running her own farm. "While looking for land, I signed up for every farm-oriented mailing list I could find," said Andul. She received an e-mail notice about Two Mountain Farm looking for a new resident farmer from NOFA New Hampshire in January and applied within a few hours. "I was thrilled with the prospect of returning close to home."

Andul has several short- and long-term plans for the farm that she shared while weeding her rows of carrots. "It's important to start small when implementing change," she emphasized.

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Mackenzie Donovan teaches a young visitor to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center about big brown bats, a species often seen in Andover after sunset.

## Mackenzie Donovan Volunteers at Natural Science Center

Teaches about native NH wildlife

By Mackenzie Donovan, VLACS '16

As a junior at the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School, one thing I am required to do is complete a set of volunteer hours. This requirement can be fulfilled any way I would like.

For a while I wasn't sure what I was going to do. I didn't know of a lot of places that would have the opportunities that I needed. Not long after my search for a place to volunteer began, I got a letter in the mail from Squam Lakes Natural Science Center – a place I have been going to every summer since I was in elementary school. The letter was advertising an opportunity for nature-savvy teens, such as myself, to volunteer at the Science Center. My job would be to educate patrons on the wildlife native to New Hampshire.

The Science Center holds a spot in my heart. It's a non-profit organization that is dedicated to preserving and teaching the community about wildlife native to New Hampshire. Every summer I would visit, and I loved it more. Naturally, I immediately jumped on board.

Late in June of 2013, my training as a First Guide started. During my training, I learned all about the history of the Science Center, and how some of the animals there – like the mountain lions, owls, and bears – got to be there. They taught me all about some of New Hampshire's native wildlife in an in-depth way that had never been presented to me before. It was knowledge that I took home with me to Andover.

As of right now, I am on my second year of volunteering at the Science Center. I have been able to take out animals such as the Barred Owls, Saw-Whet Owls, bats, and river otters, and give the visitors a close-up look at the animals that live near them. It has been an

amazing experience that has not only fulfilled my volunteer requirement, but has also led me to the realization that I want to become a teacher. This wonderful organization is so dedicated to the native wildlife of New Hampshire. I believe that it is vital to our community and the future of our wildlife. Because of it, I have a much greater appreciation for the animals that live around me in the town of Andover.

My two years volunteering at the Science Center have truly been a blessing to me. I enjoy every minute I am there. I couldn't have asked for a better way to obtain my volunteer hours. In the end, I hope everyone has the chance to appreciate New Hampshire's – and Andover's --wildlife.

The Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, located in Holderness, is open from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM during the summer. It is the perfect place for school groups to tour, and a wonderful time for families to get outside and enjoy what New Hampshire has to offer.



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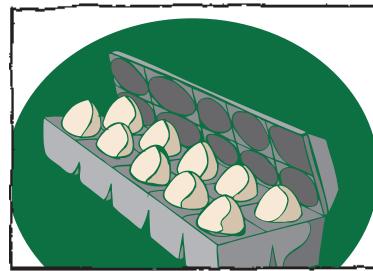
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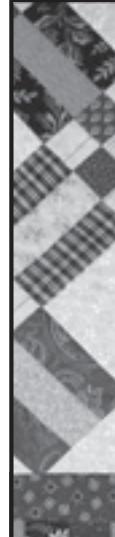
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## Historic Railroad Artifacts Returned to the Northern Rail Trail

Culvert marker and a whistle sign

By Ed Hiller, FNRT volunteer

I recently received a call from Andy Phelps of South Danbury regarding a marker that he found in the Danbury dump. He planned to use it as a decorative post in his yard. But then he read in August 2014 issue of The Andover Beacon about the recovery and restoration of the granite milepost in Lebanon and realized that the marker he had was probably from the rail trail. He wanted to see it restored to its original location, so he contacted the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, which led him to me.

This post turned out to be a culvert marker, marked 106-40, indicating 106.40 miles from Boston. Its original position was clearly marked on the historic railroad map, 0.4 mile north of milepost B-106, a short distance north of Eagle Pond Road in Wilmot.

On August 16, Andy Phelps, Lee Ford of South Danbury, and I re-installed it at its original location.

Earlier this summer, the sign reading "One Long Whistle" was restored and returned to its historic location. This sign is a remnant of the times when the Winter Hill Ice Company was active in harvesting ice from Highland Lake (1911 through 1928). The sign ordered the locomotive engineer to blow his whistle as a warning to the workers who were loading blocks of ice into box cars positioned close by on the side track next to the main line.

This sign disappeared years ago, when the side track for the ice house was taken up. It eventually ended up in the cellar of a nearby farm house (the Smith Sanborn place). Recently Matt Langlais, a member of the family that presently owns the house, found the sign and re-installed it, although in a



Ed Hiller poses with the sign that FNRT volunteers restored on the Rail Trail.

very faded condition and on the wrong side of the post because of blockage caused by encroaching trees.

The restoration effort began with Ricker Miller removing the problem trees. Ralph Ressler then removed the sign, having to deal with rusted bolts. I then undertook to restore the faded lettering, having regained some confidence in my free-hand painting ability by restoring the mile markers for the Valley Street bridge.

The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County wish to thank Ed Hiller and all those involved for their passion in restoring and returning these historical railroad artifacts to the rail trail.



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## Andul from page 24

Primary to Andul's plan is looking for cost effective and creative ways to become more efficient. "For one, I'd like to find a more effective way to weed these carrots," she said jokingly.

In January she created a plan which took into account market demands, easiness to grow, and cold heartiness. She decided upon six different crops which met these criteria: kale, chard, scallions, beets, carrots, and basil. "These are my ideal crops," said Andul. "With the exception of basil, they are all really cold hearty, which is perfect for not having to worry so much in the spring and fall. The kale, chard, and basil you only have to plant once but can harvest them throughout the whole season."

These crops are the ones which Andul sells wholesale, because she feels she can rely on her supply. She also grows other crops, including tomatoes, lettuce, eggplant, peppers, and herbs, to sell to the general public.

"Just because a crop is easy to grow, doesn't mean that it's easy to sell," explained Andul. "On the contrary, some vegetables, like carrots, that require a lot of time weeding and replanting, are a staple and are worth putting in the extra time."

Andul regularly sells produce at the Market on the Green in New London every Wednesday from 3 to 6 PM. On Saturdays, Andul can be found at the Wilmot Farmers Market from 9 AM until noon. She has sold produce to local restaurants La Meridiana, the Pleasant Lake Inn, and Live Juice in Concord and is in the process of contacting more restaurants in the area. In addition, Andul has also sold produce to the Concord Co-op. "I'm merely experimenting with different avenues for selling my crops and seeing what works and what doesn't," said Andul.

Marketing through social media is a significant piece of her attempts to get her name to the public. "I have never been as active on Facebook as I am now." To get up-to-date information on Andul and her progress, you can "like" Two Mountain Farm at Facebook.com/TwoMountainFarm or stop by at 76 Shaw Hill Road.

While Andul loves being her own boss, she is looking for ways to incorporate more people on the farm. She sponsored a work party on July 13 which served as both a venue for establishing herself and encouraging cooperative efforts within the community. Andul was ecstatic with the enthusiasm and efforts of the 16 people who made a dent in her to-do list and worked tirelessly to weed the 100-foot, 5-row carrot crop. For their efforts, Sundamarthy fed them and topped off the day with ice cream. "Ice cream is a very important part of my life," explained Andul.

This coming winter, Andul is planning an apprenticeship under a horse logger. Her hopes lie in bringing draft power to the farm. "Horse power is a way to move away from fossil fuels. It's better for the land and less hard on the soil," said Andul. Tilling, or mechanically agitating the soil, pulverizes the organic matter, kills the worms, and compacts the soil. Drainage problems could arise in the soil from being over-compacted. "Horses have four points where they are touching the ground, which is great for distributing weight. Horses also weigh less and can't abuse the land the way you can with a tractor," said Andul.

It has been almost six months since Andul began working at the farm. She is still the boss and admittedly the rookie, but is very content with being both. She is optimistic about and grateful for her new life at Two Mountain Farm.

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Making Strides volunteer directors Kimberly Laro and Kathi Russ prepared to reveal to the 2013 fundraising total of \$588,567 at last October's event. Kathi was diagnosed with breast cancer four months later. It was caught early, and she finished her treatments in August.

## Breast Cancer Strikes a "Making Strides" Director

Screening caught it early

**By Kimberly Laro, Making Strides**

Cancer doesn't discriminate. I never thought I would give cancer a compliment, but it is true. Cancer doesn't discriminate; cancer does not care if you are young or old, rich or poor, male or female, white, black, or blue.

Cancer doesn't care if you have volunteered countless hours raising awareness and money for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events. We should not be surprised when cancer reaches out and says, "Tag, you're it!" to one of our own volunteers.

But the reaction over and over again is, "Seriously? After all she has done?" Yes, seriously, breast cancer doesn't discriminate. One in eight women in the US will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in her lifetime.

So a funny thing happened on the way to Making Strides. Our volunteer Planning Committee literally starts planning for the next year's event before the current event has been held. Breast cancer doesn't have a season, it doesn't just affect people in October. The American Cancer Society is fighting cancer and supporting people on their cancer journey year round.

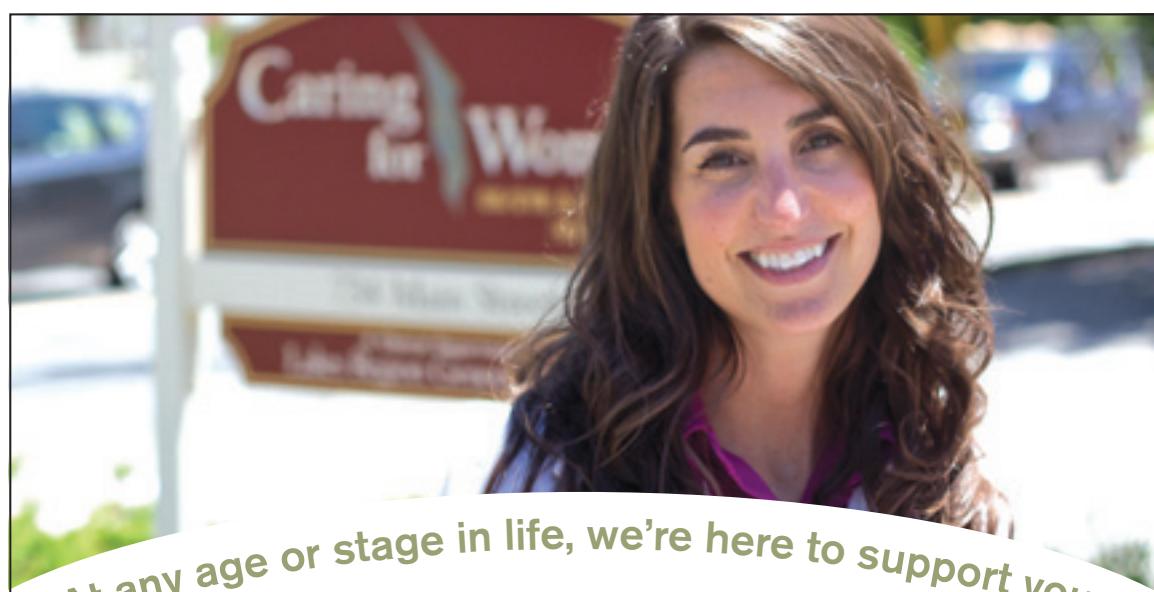
The funny thing wasn't all that funny: one of our own was diagnosed with breast cancer. We do laugh about it, as anyone who has faced cancer will tell you that humor can be good medicine.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a volunteer-run event, and at the core of the event's success is a dedicated group of volunteer Directors. Each Director oversees a specific aspect of the event and coordinates the volunteers for that area.

Until recently, out of the eight Directors, only our 2013-2014 event chair is a See Strides on page 28



The Johnsons of Andover posed with the Greens of Norway at 10:30 PM in the Vigelands Parken in Oslo. Stuart Green is the son of Liz and Bart Green of Maple Street and grew up in Andover. His wife Karine taught at Proctor for over five years. Stuart is currently the US Naval Assistant Military Attaché at the US Embassy in Oslo. Eric Johnson writes, "We were on a two week trip to Norway and home-based out of the Greens' wonderful apartment in Oslo." Back row: Annika, Heide, and Eric Johnson; Karine and Stuart Green. Front: Will Green, Britta Johnson, and Annika Green.



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## Highland Lake's Young Loon Continues to Thrive

Almost as large as its parents

By Donna Baker-Hartwell  
For the Beacon

Highland Lake's baby loon will be celebrating its two-month (62 days) birthday on September 10. Kittie Wilson, the "Loon Lady" of Pleasant Lake and my volunteer mentor, writes, "An eight-week-old loon only has small tufts of down left. Gray contour feathers have grown in, and flight feathers are growing. Eight-week-olds are excellent divers and capable of feeding themselves now, although the parents still happily feed them. Your eight-week-old is almost as large as the adults now! Flying lessons will begin during Week 11."

The partial results of the statewide loon census done on July 19 documented 203 nesting pairs. One hundred ninety-one chicks hatched, and at this time, 157 chicks are surviving. If we consider that most nesting pairs lay two eggs, under perfect conditions we could have had 406 eggs. Half of all eggs laid hatch.

The New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee (NHLPC) reports, "Two-thirds of all nesting pairs are aided by a nesting raft, loon protection signs, and other NHLPC initiatives." It would be wonderful if one of these years, our Highland Lake nesting pair would climb aboard the floating raft we have provided them with. This would ensure that fluctuations in water levels and waves would not wash their eggs away, as probably happened this year to

one of the eggs.

### A Close Call

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department got a call from a fisherman on Highland Lake on August 4 reporting that he had a loon tangle with his fishing line. He had cut the line, but the loon was struggling to rid itself of the hook, line, and red and white fishing bobber.

Several residents on the lake saw the distressed loon and called me. The fisherman did the right thing to call Fish and Game immediately and report the situation. The other residents also helped with their reporting.

I encourage readers to report any concerns regarding the loons as soon as possible. It takes us all to watch out for them. Fortunately, I can report that the loon was able to rid itself of the fishing line by day's end.

The telephone number for the New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee is 476-LOON (5666). New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is 271-3421. Folks who are on the lakes should put these numbers into their contact files. Don't hesitate to call in with reports.

### Get the Lead Out

Another issue which threatens loons is lead poisoning from outdated fishing tackle. Loons are still dying on our lakes when they accidentally swallow lead sinkers and other lead-containing tackle. Lead poisoning is still the leading cause of adult loon mortality.

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## Andover Snowmobile Club's Community Events Calendar

Fundraiser supports trails, holiday baskets

### Press release

The Andover Snowmobile Club's Community Events Calendar fundraiser (our 17th edition) is now in progress. The medium-size ad is \$65, the small ad is \$40, and a monthly event is \$25.

Also, a calendar can be purchased for \$5, which includes four listings in the calendar such as birthday, anniversary, or "in memory of" dates.

The funds raised by the Andover Snowmobile Club go to the maintenance of the rail bed, snowmobile trails, and equipment. Also, donations of holiday baskets are done at Thanksgiving and Christmas to the Andover and Salisbury area.

To purchase an ad or a calendar plus four listings, please contact Sue Nelson no later than Saturday, September 13, at 934-9972 or SayCheezU@aol.com. Please put "Community Events Calendar" in the subject line.



### Strides from page 27

breast cancer survivor, our own personal one-in-eight statistic. But we all have our own personal connection to breast cancer, a reason that we are committed to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

I have always believed that there are two ways to be a survivor: You can survive the disease, or you can survive the loss. My personal connection to Making Strides is being part of the Sarah's Soldiers team, which honors my friend Sarah Dodge Raney, who lost her battle with breast cancer at the young age of 26.

Kathi Russ is a Cure Crusader, a team formed by her dear friend Trish Reid, who later lost her battle with breast cancer. Through our work with teams and our common passion to make strides against breast cancer, Kathi and I have become fast friends. If it wasn't for Making Strides, our paths may have never crossed, a fact that people who know us through our volunteer work would be surprised about. To them, we are Kathi and Kimberly, Kimberly and Kathi, the "Making Strides Ladies," two minds with a common cause.

So this past February, when I was doing some follow-up diagnosed breast screenings and Kathi was doing her routine annual mammogram, we both

found ourselves awaiting results that may give us a breast cancer diagnosis. We joked that we were doing Quality Control of our Flagship Sponsor, Concord Imaging Center, as we waltzed in and out for our appointments.

Our "we got this" mantra, usually reserved for all things Making Strides, took on new meaning. It turned into, "I got this, but please don't let it be her." But never once was it, "Why me?," as we have always known that breast cancer isn't about one of us, it is about all of us, as breast cancer affects too many of us.

My friend Kathi received her breast cancer diagnosis from a routine mammogram. It was caught early, she had her surgery, and on August 18 she finished her last radiation treatment. She gives credit to the many wonderful people who she has met through her volunteer work for showing her how to navigate the cancer journey and is very thankful for the screening and cutting-edge treatments that have been made possible by the American Cancer Society with funds that Kathi has helped raise over the last 16 years.

I am thankful for Kathi's friendship. This year I have another reason to Make Strides Against Breast Cancer. I invite you to join me on Sunday, October 19. To register, visit MakingStridesWalk.org/ConcordNH. For information on forming a team, e-mail Teams@ConcordStrides.com. And please, sign up for a mammogram reminder at AndoverBeacon.com/Breast-Cancer-Screening.



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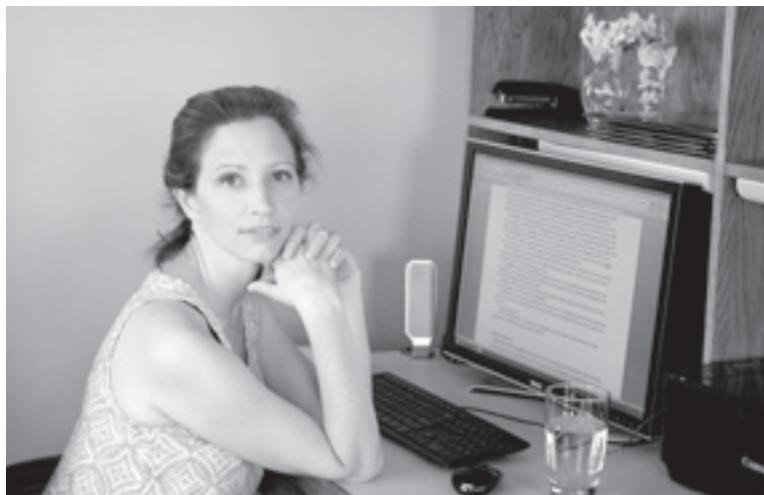
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Author Cate Beauman was known as Cathy when she lived in Andover.

## Cate Beauman Publishes Seventh Book in *Bodyguards* Series

Former aide at AE/MS now lives in North Carolina

### Press release

Cate Beauman, a former Andover resident and aide at AE/MS, will release her seventh novel, *Saving Sophie*, on Thursday, September 4, through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and iTunes. *Saving Sophie* continues Cate's best-

selling romantic suspense series, *The Bodyguards of LA County*.

Cate will host a pre-release giveaway on her Web site, where she will give away handmade jewelry and t-shirts. Beacon readers are encouraged to enter at [CateBeauman.com](http://CateBeauman.com) or via her Facebook page at [Facebook.com/CateBeauman](https://www.facebook.com/CateBeauman).

Cate lives in North Carolina with her husband, their two boys, and their St. Bernards, Bear and Jack. Before her career as an author, Cate worked in special education for the Andover and Franklin school districts for 12 years.

"I'm a pretty lucky girl; one day I woke up and my entire life changed. I saw the light, so to speak, and decided



to be a writer. Now, four years later, I'm currently working on my eighth novel, *Reagan's Redemption*, which I plan to release in early spring of 2015. I'm very grateful for the support and success I've had," says Cate.

*Saving Sophie* is the seventh book in Cate's best-selling romantic suspense series, *The Bodyguards of LA County*. Cate will host a pre-release giveaway on her Web site, where she will give away handmade jewelry and t-shirts. Beacon readers are encouraged to enter at [CateBeauman.com](http://CateBeauman.com) or via her Facebook page at [Facebook.com/CateBeauman](https://www.facebook.com/CateBeauman).

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## New High-Speed Quad Lift for Mount Sunapee's Sun Bowl

More big improvements to come

### Press release

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"In recent years this has been the #1 request from our guests," says Jay Gamble, general manager of Mount Sunapee Resort. "With the ride time to the summit cut by more than half on the second longest lift at Mount Sunapee, our guests will enjoy a lot more skiing and riding during the day. The Sunbowl is very popular, especially when the

morning sun is shining on the trails."

"This high-speed lift in the Sunbowl will trigger a series of lift and trail improvements over the next several years at Mount Sunapee," added Gamble. A fixed-grip quad chair will be installed on North Peak and a triple chair will be installed from the bottom of the Sunbowl to the summit of North Peak. This lift reconfiguration will be accompanied by new ski terrain from the top of North Peak down into the base of the Sunbowl and snowmaking on additional trails.

Mountain Operations Manager Alan Ritchie says, "The lift reconfiguration will have a positive effect on skiing and riding at Mount Sunapee. We will have faster distribution of guests and access to some exciting new terrain in the Sunbowl. The Sunbowl Express Quad and an additional lift out of the Sunbowl will increase the runs our guests can enjoy in a day and spread them more evenly over the mountain."

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## Nancy Tripp Performs Johnny Mercer at the Canoe Club

Sunday, September 28,  
at 1 PM in Hanover

### Press release

Enjoy the music of one of America's finest songwriters: Johnny Mercer, who is considered a "pure American" lyricist. Writing as part of the "Golden Guild" including Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and George Gershwin, he brought a Southern style to his music that evokes the landscapes and influences

of his youth.

Nancy Tripp brings Mercer's music to the Canoe Club in Hanover with stories of his life and songs. *Jeepers Creepers, Fools Rush In, Blues in the Night, and Satin Doll* are just a few of the offerings. Nancy will perform with her trio: Andy Bourke on bass, Mike Parker on saxophone, and Billy Rosen on guitar. Enjoy a delicious brunch at noon; the concert begins at 1 PM. For reservation, call 643-9660.



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## Through the Reading Glasses, September 2014

By Janet Moore,  
Andover Libraries trustee

Back to books time it is, it is.

Top of the list is Donna Tartt's novel, *The Goldfinch*. If I tell you that it begins with a terrorist bombing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, does that give too much away? Not really, especially since I'll also let slip that the 13-year-old Theo of the bombing is still alive and well some years later in the prologue.

Rich in detail and language, *The Goldfinch* is an exquisite piece of writing. Everything you wanted to know about furniture restoration and how to survive as a teen age boy in a completely dysfunctional family in Las Vegas, of all places, is included in the package, along with a delightful supporting cast of Dickensian characters.

*Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East, 1776 to the*

*Present*, by David Oren; now there's a mouthful of a title, but oh, does it deliver. Everything you ever wanted to know about the Middle East, from the Barbary pirates to the war in Iraq, is fair game for Oren, who dispenses information through countless anecdotes and factual re-tellings of historic events. As an overview, it's thorough and engaging, as he details both sides of the inevitable Arab-Jewish conflict with knowledge gained from years of observation and research.

If you want a fictional account of 20th century Barbary pirates, try Laurie King's Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes novel, *The Pirate King*, an entertaining look at what happens when the cast of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* is surreptitiously kidnapped and held for ransom by true-to-life pirates.

### Bachelder Library New Acquisitions

#### Adult Fiction

*Act of War*, Brad Thor  
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*Cut and Thrust*, Stuart Woods  
*Invisible*, James Patterson  
*Silkworm*, Robert Galbraith  
*The Vacationers*, Emma Straub  
*Wayfaring Stranger*, James Lee Burke  
*Heist*, Daniel Silva  
*Princess Elizabeth's Spy*,  
Susan Elia Macneal  
*Euphoria*, Lily King  
*My Notorious Life*, Kate Manning  
*Three Can Keep a Secret*,  
Archer Mayor  
*The Healing Quilt*, Wanda Brunstetter  
*Radiance of Tomorrow*, Ishmael Beah

#### Adult Non-Fiction

*Still Writing*, Dani Shapiro

*Everybody's Got Something*,

Robin Roberts

*The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom*,

Suze Orman

#### Children's Fiction

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*, Chris Grabenstein  
*The Candy Shop War*, Brandon Mull  
*The Candy Shop War Catastrophe*,  
Brandon Mull  
*Skeleton Creek*, Patrick Carman  
*The Unwanted*, Lisa McMann  
*Island of Silence*, Lisa McMann  
*Island of Fire*, Lisa McMann

#### Children's Non-Fiction

*The Care and Keeping of You:  
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## Acclaimed Mystery Writer Archer Mayor to Speak in Salisbury

Police novels  
based in Vermont

By Gail M. Henry  
Salisbury Free Library trustee

Mystery lovers rejoice! Renowned writer Archer Mayor will speak at the Salisbury Town Hall on Friday, September 26, at 7 PM. The event is free and open to the public.

Mayor is author of the critically-acclaimed series of Vermont-based police novels featuring Lt. Joe Gunther. He will discuss and read from the 25th in the series, *Proof Positive*, due out on October 1.

Most writers base their books on research and imagination, but Mayor's novels involve actual experience; he is a

death investigator for Vermont's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. A resident of Newfane, Vermont, he is also a detective for the Windham County Sheriff's Office.

*The Chicago Tribune* has described the Joe Gunther series as "the best police procedurals being written in America." A past winner of the New England Independent Booksellers Association Award for Best Fiction, Mayor is the first author of crime fiction to be so honored. He has often appeared on "Ten Best" yearly lists of several nationwide publications.

The September 26 event is sponsored by the Salisbury Free Library. Refreshments will be served.

## Submit Your Creative Writing Entry by September 12

Andover artists inspire, judge the contest

### Press release

Center for the Arts invites area writers of prose and poetry to participate in a creative writing contest. The deadline for submission is Friday, September 12.

To participate in this contest, respond in poetry or in prose to a series of 12 photographs created by Larry Chase of Andover. Each entry is limited to one page.

Larry is a talented photographer who challenges himself to create inspiring photos. Working for the National Park Service and the Nature Conservancy gave Larry an opportunity to practice wildlife photography. His curiosity led to less conventional images. Thus Circles and Spheres was created.

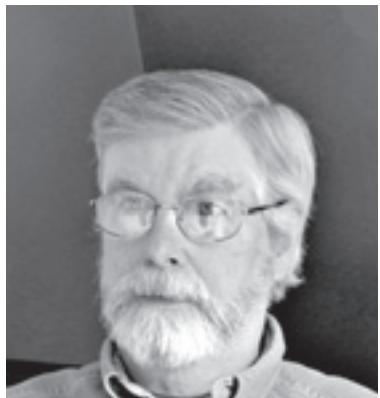
It began when Larry created pocket calendars with photos that he gave to family and friends. The photos were so inspiring that he was encouraged to share his work with others; thus, this writing contest.

View Larry's 12 photos posted at CenterForTheArtsNH.org, then ask yourself, "What do these photos say to me?" You may choose to select one photograph to write about, or you may focus on the entire collection of Circles and Spheres to speak to your inspiration.

There is no fee to enter. Download the rules for submission from the Center

for the Arts Web site and follow the directions for submission. Be sure to mail your entry prior to the deadline date.

Contest judge is Laurie Zimmerman, an award-winning poet who lives in



**Larry Chase provides the inspiration for the "Circle and Spheres" creative writing contest. Laurie Zimmerman will judge the entries.**

Andover. The winning writers will be invited to read their prose or poetry at the Center for the Arts' First Friday reception on Friday, October 3, at the Lake Sunapee Bank, 321 Main Street, New London. The winning selections will be displayed at Lake Sunapee Bank through October, along with Larry's 12 matted and framed Circles and Spheres photographs.



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## White Mountain Storytelling Festival Comes to Waterville

Andover's Lauretta Phillips to manage the event

### Press release

Besides being a storyteller, author, and radio and TV host, Lauretta Phillips of Andover is also taking on the role of Event Manager for the New Hampshire Storytelling Alliance (NHS), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization designed to promote the oral tradition of storytelling throughout New Hampshire. Among other events, NHS produces the White Mountain Storytelling Festival each year.

"It is an honor to be helping to produce this great event," says Lauretta. "There is a terrific line-up of tellers, and Waterville Valley is a fabulous location for this event. This is the go-to event of the season for people of all ages."

This year's White Mountain Storytelling Festival is to be held on Friday through Sunday, September 26 through 28, at Waterville Valley Town Square.

This is the fourth annual White Mountain Storytelling Festival, and the featured teller for this event is Odds Bodkin from Bradford. Since 1982, Odds Bodkin has made his living as a master storyteller, musician, and author. He has been called "a modern-day Orpheus" by Billboard. Self-accompanied with original music on guitars and harp,

he creates vivid characters that animate his wide-ranging collection of epics, folktales, ancient myths, and original stories.

Other storytellers presenting at this festival make the line-up look like a "who's who" in storytelling. Michael Lockett from Normal, Illinois; Geraldine Buckley from Maryland; Lani Peterson from Andover, Massachusetts; and Joey Talbert from Massachusetts are all coming to perform.

The line-up includes some great New Hampshire storytellers as well: Peter Brodeur from Wilmot, Simon Brooks from New London, Mark Chamberlain from Barrington, Cora Ciampi of Gorham, Andy Davis of Conway, Papa Joe Gaudet of Epping, Shelly Hersey of Portsmouth, Angela Klingler of Salem, Mike Lang of Dover, Ruth Niven from Franklin, Lauretta Phillips from Andover, and Sharon Wood of Claremont.

There are programs for all ages, beginning on Friday evening at 7:30 in Waterville Valley Town Square with Ghost Stories. Saturday has a full schedule of events for people of all ages, including five storytelling concerts and a Chili Cook-Off. Sunday ends the program with Sacred Stories at 9:30 AM.

For more information, visit [NHSStorytelling.org](http://NHSStorytelling.org) or contact Lauretta Phillips at [LPhillipsTales.com](mailto:LPhillipsTales.com).

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## New Black Eagle Jazz Band Performs American Music

Saturday, September 13,  
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### Press release

If you like the uplifting and soulful music of New Orleans, you'll love the sound of the New Black Eagle Jazz Band. As the final offering of the Summer Music Associates' concert series, the New Black Eagle Jazz Band will perform an eclectic repertoire from the 1920s and '30s at Colby-Sawyer College on Saturday, September 13, at 7:30 PM.

Formed in 1971, this seven-piece band has delighted audiences all over the world. The group has a mature mastery of great American music – from Louis Armstrong and Jelly Roll Morton to early Duke Ellington to Cole Porter; from blues to rags to popular songs of the era. In fact, the New York Times' John Wilson wrote that the Black Eagles are "so far ahead of other traditional bands ... there is scarcely any basis for comparison."

The band has performed extensively all across North America and has toured throughout Europe countless times. They have performed in New

Orleans, London, Edinburgh, Belfast, and Toronto, to name a few. In 2011, they opened the Newport Jazz Festival to a packed house. They have been featured in concert with many jazz legends including Doc Cheatham, "Kid" Thomas, Benny Waters, Odetta, and Milt Hinton, and with symphony orchestras – the Boston Pops, the Scottish National Orchestra, and the Baltimore Symphony.

The band has released over 40 recordings, including the Grammy-nominated *On the River*. Their music has been featured in Ken Burns' documentaries and on NPR Radio. The band has also been a guest on *The Prairie Home Companion* show. The New Black Eagle Jazz Band follows the New Orleans tradition of playing private parties and other danceable events.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for students and are available by mail, phone, Web site, at the door, or by cash or check only at Morgan Hill Bookstore, Tatewell Gallery, or the Lake Sunapee Region Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit [SummerMusicAssociates.com](http://SummerMusicAssociates.com).



John and Joyce Bourdon performed extensive repairs on the cradle of the bell atop the Andover Congregational Church. Their next project will be repairs to the steeple itself.

## Andover Congregational Under-takes Important Building Projects

**Donations to help repair historic buildings welcome**

**By Sandy Miller**

**Andover Congregational Church**

Don't forget the Andover Congregational Church's (ACC) annual flea mart and bake sale on Saturday, August 30, on the Andover Village Green from 9 AM to 2 PM. Refreshments will also be for sale, and a bouncy house will be available for appropriate aged kids.

Now that the work on the bell cradle of the church is complete, we've discovered that there is work to be done on the steeple. Again, John Bourdon will be in charge of this project, with an expected cost in the vicinity of \$7,500. There is also work to be done at the Highland Lake Grange Hall and at the East Andover Village Preschool, with a price tag of over \$5,000.

All three of these buildings are in the Historical Registry. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the cost of this work may do so by making out a check

to the Andover Congregational Church with the words "Building Projects" in the memo line. The mailing address is ACC, PO Box 211, East Andover 03231. Donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

ACC will be starting up the Alpha course on Tuesday, September 16. This is an 11-week course on basic Christianity and is ideal for new Christians or those just seeking to learn more about the faith in a non-threatening environment. It will begin with a meal shared by all, followed by a video, and then informal discussion. Questions are encouraged (no question is considered stupid).

This course is free to all. It will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning about 6:15 PM and ending around 9 PM. We will also run a Beta program at the same time in the upstairs of the Highland Lake Grange Hall – the subject has not yet been determined. For further information on either of these programs, call Linda Wickstrom at 286-8695 or the church office at 735-5160.

Sunday School will be starting up on Sunday, September 21. It will run at the same time as church – 9:30 to 10:45 AM. This is under the leadership of Bonnie Wesley. Childcare is also provided. Call the church office for more information.

Bible Study, on the book of the prophet Isaiah, will resume on Wednesday, September 17, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the home of Irene Jewett.

We encourage you to join us for church and at any of the aforementioned study groups. God is indeed alive and well at the ACC!



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## "We Build It Forward" Needs Volunteers!

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### Press release

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Want to help your neighbor and feel good at the same time? We need you!

We are looking for volunteers, skilled and unskilled, to help for one day those in our community who are unable to complete a project at their home. Grab your friend or family member and have a fun day of building it forward!

Some past projects are limited roof-

ing, handicap ramps, yard clean-ups, painting, gutter installation, renovating bathroom or kitchen, cutting and splitting cordwood, flooring, and more.



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Please give us a call, stop by, or e-mail us if you are interested in volunteering for the day. We will end the day with a barbecue as our way of thanking you for helping us and your neighbors out!

You may contact Sue Johnson at 735-2116 or SJohnson@Belleletes.com, or stop by our Andover, Sunapee, Jaffrey, or Ashland Lumber stores to sign up.

## Andover Energy Group Minutes August 7, 2014

*Condensed from draft minutes*

Attending: Vicki Mishcon, Janet Moore, Andy Prokosch, Jeff Dickinson, Steve and Gisela Darling, Pecco Beaufays, Larry and Susan Chase, Sophie Viandier, Maria Glorioso, Sarah Simonds, Dave Harris, Bill Spear, Nancy Teach, Alan McIntyre, Marj Roy, Mario Ratzki, Tom Schamberg, David Karrick, Bob Irving

Sarah Simonds, representing Vital Communities (a Vermont-based non-profit), began with an overview of Solarize Upper Valley and then offered information and suggestions, all with the goal of encouraging local residents and small businesses to consider installing solar-electric systems on their property via a group-purchase agreement. (See article on page 1.)

Following Sarah's presentation, Andover Energy Group (AEG) members addressed the following:

1. Old Time Fair table worked well, and Ken Wells stayed throughout the day to answer technical questions.

2. Bill Johnstone and Carol Wood, both from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, will join AEG for a lunch-time discussion at Highland Lake Inn on Monday, August 25, at 11:30 AM,

regarding NHEC support for major alternative-energy projects in Andover.

3. There is no progress on the idea for a plug-in vehicle expo. However, Andy talked with Dave Kidder at the Ice House Museum in New London, who is supportive of an event on Ice House property in the spring.

4. For the Special Olympics event on Saturday, September 27, we might be able to get ReVision Energy to power the event. Alan is working on it through Proctor. AEG could sponsor a table to highlight solar power and hand out Solarize info. Jeff brought up the notion of a movable battery pack, charged beforehand from local capacity, to power vendors and inflatables. We will bring up the battery pack idea at another meeting.

5. Get magnets, t-shirts, key chains with USB ports, mugs, stainless steel coffee cups? Should we just publicize Solarize? Use the Solarize logo on a t-shirt?

6. Re: a local Wood Bank, Maria has contact information for loggers, wood splitters, etc. Steve Allenby, Wood Bank organizer, needs work crews.

We meet next on Thursday, September 4, at Highland Lake Inn.

## Course in Christianity Begins its 27th Year in Andover

10 weekly sessions  
start September 23

By Pastor John Wagner  
Andover Congregational Church

Have you ever thought about your life and wondered, "Is this all there is?!" Or, "Why am I here? What is the purpose of all this?" We all have. And we ask these questions often without a clue to what the answers are and where to even begin to find out.

The Alpha course offers to questioners and seekers possible answers to life's deepest questions. You may be pleasantly surprised to find out that the Christian faith has a lot to say to these concerns we all have about life. Certainly it wouldn't be fair to yourself never to have explored on an adult level the Christian message. After all, we have been around for over 2,000 years. And Alpha is just the way to do this.

The amazing thing is that Alpha is "non-sectarian" and endorsed by Christian leaders of all sorts of Christian denominations and traditions. Leaders such as Catholic Archbishop (Cardinal Wm. Keeler), Baptist (Billy Graham), Pentecostal leader (Jack Hayford), and Hispanic evangelist (Luis Palau) all endorse the Alpha course in basic Christianity.

There are many different streams within Christianity; on some of the details, there are important differences. But all Christians are committed to the faith handed down to us from Jesus, and despite the differences, our central core beliefs, worldview, and commitments are the same.

Alpha began in an Anglican Church in London, and since then has been having a quiet but real impact worldwide. Multiple millions of people have taken this course. This fall, churches across the United States are preparing to hold Alpha, including several in our area. And it's spreading fast to many secular locations – prisons, university campuses, businesses, and schools.

In our own town, the Andover Congregational Church hopes to welcome

many this fall to the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover for our 27th Alpha course. We'll begin on Tuesday, September 23, and continue every Tuesday evening for 10 weeks.

Every week people will meet together with new friends for a meal and a presentation on topics such as "Who is Jesus?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", "How Can I be Sure of My Faith?", and "Does God Still Heal Today?" Then, in a small group they may ask any questions raised from the talk, in a non-judgmental, open environment with loads of opportunity for debate and discussion.

The style of Alpha is informal, friendly, and non-pressured. Alpha is for believers, non-believers, and seekers. No matter what your background, whether investigating Christianity for the first time or revisiting the Christian faith, you will get a lot out of the Alpha course.

Do join us on Tuesday, September 16, for a one-time visit for learning more about the course. We'll begin with a great meal at 6:15 PM (this alone will keep you coming back!) followed by a DVD presentation: "Christianity: Untrue, Boring, and Irrelevant?!" There is no obligation or charge for the Alpha course (although contributions towards your meal are welcome). Please call 735-5160 for more information.

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## **Andover Service Club: Fiscal Year in Review**

### **Meetings move to Highland Lake Grange Hall**

**By Mary Ofenloch, ASC President**

The Executive Board of the Andover Service Club (ASC) meets on the first Wednesday of the month; regular meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month. The following is a synopsis of activities and meetings from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

With the exception of September, December, and June, meetings were held at the Masonic Lodge in Potter Place. All meetings begin with opening words, followed by the business reports and/or discussions, refreshments, and special guests.

July 4, 2013: Homemade pie "Slices for Scholarships" were sold on the Village Green to benefit the Andover Service Club Scholarship Fund.

September 11: Meeting was held at the Ragged Mountain Dining Hall. A moment of silence in remembrance of the tragedy on 9/11/2001 was held. Charlie Darling spoke of the Beacon fundraising campaign. The speaker was Mary Lyn Ray, author of children's books.

October 9: Members decide to raffle a basket of "Gifts Galore," winner to be chosen at the Christmas luncheon on December 11. No luncheon on Election Day, as it is too close to the Thanksgiving.

ing Pie Sale. Speakers were Judith and Brian MacKay. Their topic was preparing wills and estate planning.

November 13: New roof for the Thrift Shop was approved. Mead and Braley will install the much-needed steel roof. Thanksgiving Pie Sale income was \$1,093. The Andover Lion's Club requested suggestions from ASC members concerning improvements for operation of the Andover Food Pantry. Special speaker was Alison Buckwell. The topic was antiques and estate planning.

December: Meeting/luncheon was held at Lake Sunapee Country Club in New London. Winners of "Gifts Galore" raffle drawing were Nance Barrett of Andover and Amy Ballou of Canaan. Income from raffle was \$1,725. Bake sale at Bluewater Farm on December 15 nets \$87.25. Entertainment consisted of solo Christmas music sung by Nancy Tripp and Margo Coolidge, and a sing-a-long with piano accompaniment by Judy Evans. Members voted to participate in a Special Olympics fundraiser on September 27, 2014. Non-perishable food items and \$155 in donations for Andover Food Pantry were collected and delivered.

January 8, 2014: There are now 86 members; 17 are unpaid members. A trunk sale was held at Woodcrest Village. See Service Club on page 35



**This year's parade begins at 11 AM on Saturday, September 6, in Danbury. The theme: Happy 100th Fair!**

## **Blazing Star Grange Hosts 100th Annual Community Fair**

**Saturday, September 6,  
in Danbury**

**Press release**

Blazing Star Grange #71 in Danbury will host its 100th annual Grange and Community Fair on Saturday, September 6. Starting at 7:30 AM, a delicious pancake breakfast will be served at the Danbury Elementary School, hosted by the local PTO.

A special feature of the Fair this year will be the unveiling of the newly restored stage scenery at 9:30 AM in the Danbury Grange Hall. These 90-year-old treasures have been cleaned, repaired, and re-rigged and are back in place to provide another 90 years of use. Chris Hadsel of Curtains Without Borders, who headed the team of conservators, will show photos and explain the conservation process as she unrolls each stage curtain.

The Grange's "Living Sustainably in the Community" will present the second of three programs this year – Home Garden to Business – when Suzanne LeBlanc of Autumn Harvest tells how she and her husband turned their home garden into a full-fledged business. This presentation will take place at 10 AM in the firehouse, which will also be the site of the flower and vegetable judging.

"Happy 100th Fair" is the theme of this year's parade, which begins at 11 AM at Restful Road on Route 104, ending at the Danbury Grange Hall on North Road. Parade entrants will line up at 10 AM, and judging will take place before the parade commences. You do not have to give prior notice to

enter a float or be in the parade. Just show up that day with a clever idea for your entry. Bicycles, tractors, old cars, and pedestrians are all welcome.

After the parade, the popular Lyme Town Band will perform in front of the Danbury Grange Hall. Then the ever-popular bed races will be held at 12:30 PM. Teams are formed on the spot. The competition is keen, as contestants push the old metal bed from the firehouse to the Danbury Grange Hall.

Other highlights include the horseshoe competition at Independence Park and Baby Show in the hall at 1 PM, Dutch Auction at 2 PM, and to cap off the day, a ham and bean supper, all you can eat, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

At 7 PM, Cardigan Mountain Tradition will play blue grass music until the live auction begins at 8:30 PM.

Other Fair features include the Attic Treasures in the American Legion Hall that opens at 8 AM, where all kinds of good stuff, old and new, may be found at a very reasonable price.

Activities are ongoing all day, including crafters, exhibits, food, games, and the return of a Petting Zoo.

A Silent Auction will be going on during the entire day, so fairgoers may put bids on items donated by local businesses. Winners will be announced after the live auction. You don't have to be there to win.

The fair will be held rain or shine. Anyone wishing to exhibit crafts or other wares and displays should call Diane Clay at 493-3650 to reserve a space. For any other inquiries, please call Donna Sprague at 768-5579.

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## Turning Food Production and Preserving into a Business

Suzanne LeBlanc  
explains how September 6

**Press release**

In 2013, the greater Danbury community explored ways to live a more economical and comfortable life in our homes. This year, the Blazing Star Grange is exploring ways to build a stronger community and an independent, healthier local economy. Terri Dautcher of PSU led us through the ways to start your own business at the June presentation.

At 10 am on Blazing Star Grange Fair Day, September 6, Suzanne LeBlanc of Autumn Harvest Farm will tell us how she started her own business of food production and preserving and turned it into a thriving home enterprise. This program will be held at the

Danbury Fire Station, across from the Blazing Star Grange Hall. If you need reassurance that "it can be done," then come and listen to this energetic, creative woman, who will give you new enthusiasm for your dreams.

Don't forget the Ham and Bean supper in the Blazing Star Grange Hall on Saturday, September 6. Doors open at 4:30 PM, with the dinner running from 5 to 6:30 PM. It's a great way to end a fun day at the Fair!

The third and last program of this series on building a healthier local economy, presented by Tom Curren, will be on Saturday, November 8, after the Chicken Pie supper.

The Blazing Star Grange Hall is on North Road in Danbury, at the junction of Routes 104 and 4. For more information, contact Donna at 768-5579. 

### Service Club from page 34

lage. Nominating Committee will begin the search for new Executive Board members in March, election to be held at June luncheon/annual meeting. There was no special speaker. Hot soup and corn bread were served.

February 12: A request from Thrift Shop Chair was made for more volunteers to work at the shop. Membership is now 68 paid, 8 honorary members, and 9 not paid. Flower boxes at the shop were destroyed by falling ice and snow from the roof and need to be replaced. Discussion on distribution of money to the community and scholarship funds were discussed and would be taken up at the budget committee meeting in March. Speaker Carl Hultberg's topic was jazz music, old and new.

March: No regular meeting, cancelled due to snow storm. However, the Executive Board met on March 5 to prepare for the regular meeting. Topics discussed were payments for new roof, raising yearly dues to \$10, guidelines for Thrift Shop donations to people in emergency need, draft of new budget, lunch at Town Meeting day, and total money spent for 2013 scholarships.

April 9: Budget draft showed an in-

crease from \$16,800 in 2013 to \$17,600 for 2014. This will be reviewed again at next Executive Board meeting in May and presented for discussion with members on May 14, to vote on June 11. Income from Town Meeting Election Day lunch was \$418.66. Thrift Shop income has been less due to bad winter weather. Scholarship program will remain to abide by rules for 501(c)(3) non-profit status. There are now 79 paid members. New flower boxes have been ordered. Income from the in-house auction was \$186.

May 14: Budget is finalized, with adjustments, bringing the total to \$16,700 which is \$100 less than the previous year. Thrift Shop interior to be painted. Joyce Egge, Dottie Chagnon, Lois Magenau, and Jeanne Tate have stepped down from the Executive Board. ASC needs new, hopefully younger, members to keep the club viable in the future. Four \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. Members gave approval for increase of dues and term limits for Executive Board, to be voted for or against at June meeting. New slate of officers were presented and will be elected at June meeting. A field trip to Haunting Whisper Winery in Danbury closed the meeting.

June 11: The June luncheon/annual See Service Club on page 37



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## WCA Harvest Home Luncheon Celebrates Bounty

September 27 from noon to 2 PM in Wilmot

### Press release

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) will host its second annual Harvest Home Luncheon from noon to 2 PM on Saturday, September 27, at the WCA's Red Barn, 64 Village Road, in Wilmot.

The gourmet menu will include four courses featuring locally grown vegetables, fruits, and meats and locally produced cheeses, condiments, breads, and desserts.

"Late September is a wonderful time

to celebrate the bounty of our local and regional farms," said Margaret Monto, a member of the WCA Board of Directors and chairperson of the program committee.

Cost is \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 5 to 12, and free for children under five.

The WCA, a not-for-profit organization, provides facilities for social, recreational, and educational activities in Wilmot. It owns and operates the Red Barn, a community center on Village Road, and Timothy Patten Park, a beach and playground on Shindagan Road.

More information: 526-7934 or [WilmotCommunityAssociation.org](http://WilmotCommunityAssociation.org).



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About 75 people attended the Wilmot Old Home Day Celebration in North Wilmot on August 17, making it the oldest continuously celebrated Old Home Day event in New Hampshire. Three events marked the celebration: a rousing worship service lead by former Camp Wilmot camper and now Reverend Jeff Mansfield at the historic North Wilmot Church; a band concert performance by the Kearsarge Community Band often led by concertmistress and Old Home Day chairperson Nola Aldrich, with a lovely Jane Kenyon poem recitation by Mary Jane Ogmundson; and an hour or two spent with our favorite New Hampshire humorist, Rebecca Rule. The day was a piece of Americana that was pure charm. Pictured here, chatting at Wilmot Old Home Day, are Walter Walker (Andover High School '49) and Jack McAuliffe.

Photo and caption: Lindy Heim

## Monthly Senior Luncheons Begin Again at WCA

Third Thursdays in Wilmot's Red Barn

### Press release

Senior Luncheons resume at the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) Red Barn at noon on the third Thursday of the month starting on September 18. The Wilmot Ladies Aid Society sponsors these popular outings in conjunction with the WCA and the Community Action Program (CAP) in Concord, which provides food and support services for seniors in Belknap and Merrimack counties. Luncheons continue through April, 2015.

First-time attendees wanting to enjoy a hot lunch, the camaraderie of other se-

niors, and an occasional short program are requested to call Lindy at 526-6376 by September 11. Seniors who attended during the last season will be contacted prior to the September 18 luncheon. Reservations are required for each luncheon.

A \$2 donation is suggested for the meal, and a \$3 donation for the WCA for providing the space and kitchen, for a total of \$5. For those under 60 years of age, the suggested donation for CAP is \$6 and \$3 for the WCA.

"What fun we have seeing old friends, making new ones, and enjoying the yummy food served in the WCA's delightfully sunny meeting room. I encourage all my friends to sign up!" commented Loretta Rayno of Wilmot.



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## CROP Hunger Walk Around Pleasant Lake Aims for \$10,000

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**Press release**

The Kearsarge area CROP Hunger Walk is set for Sunday, October 5. This will be our 19th year. Through the years, we have raised over \$133,000, with each year having over 100 walkers.

Each year, several churches participate with their family, friends, and neighbors and with one common goal: to end world hunger. Of the money raised, 25% stays right here in our local food pantries. The other money given to end hunger through the CROP Hunger Walk is a great investment toward world peace and justice.

A donation of \$25 can provide 50 baby chicks to a village, providing pro-

tein and income. A \$50 donation can provide the seeds and tools to help three families start a garden. And \$150 can send six women to literacy classes and empower them for life.

Registration for the walk begins at noon at Elkins Beach on Pleasant Lake. Then we walk around the lake starting at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome to participate, even if you are not affiliated with a church. Only walk as far as is comfortable for you. You do not have to complete the walk. Feel free to bring some canned goods to share with the Kearsarge Food Pantry.

Our goal this year is \$10,000 – we can do this!

For more information, contact Amber at AmbersCutAbove@tds.net or 748-1684.



**Service Club from page 35**

meeting was held at 74 Main (formerly the Millstone) in New London. A series of votes, all unanimous, raised dues to \$10, approved term limits with the necessary amending of the by-laws, and election of the new Executive Board. They are Mary Ofenloch, President; Diane Rice, 1st Vice President; Evelyn Davis, 2nd Vice President; Eileen Mackey, Recording Secretary; Teri Leclerc, Corresponding Secretary; Robin Boynton, Treasurer; Sandra Graves, Assistant Treasurer; and Robin Boynton, Past President.

A change of venue for regular meetings was also approved. The Highland Lake Grange Hall and Ragged Mountain Dining Hall were to be the new meeting places. However, Ragged Mountain has since been canceled, so all future regular meetings will be held at the Grange, except for June and December luncheons.

Financials: Income from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 fiscal year was \$19,070.62. Expenses for that period total \$21,349.27, leaving a loss of \$2,278.65, due to higher expenses than expected, such as Thrift Shop maintenance and repair, increase in fuel prices, decrease in Thrift Shop sales due to winter storms, etc.

Budget for 2014-15 as compared with last year: General expenses increase from \$8,900 to \$9,800. Contributions to the community decrease from \$2,550 to \$2,450. Contributions to wider community increase from \$350 to \$450. Money budgeted for scholarships is \$4,000. This is \$1,000 less than last year. Therefore, the total budget for 2014/2015 is \$16,700 which is \$100 less than the previous year.

Calendar for 2014-15 meetings at Highland Lake Grange Hall: September 10 – Gardening tips with ASC members; October 8 – Energy Medicine with Jane E. King; November 12 – Tai Chi/Chi Gong with Marcia Wyman; December 10 – Christmas Luncheon; January 14 – Broadway Bound with Nancy Tripp; February 11 – Game Day; March 11 – Book review and discussion; April 8 – In-House Auction; May 13 – Mystery House Tour field trip; June 10 – Annual meeting/luncheon

This fiscal year, the Andover Service Club begins its 56th year of service to the community. The ASC ladies cordially invite women of all ages to become a member and make new friends while serving your community. For more information, please e-mail President Mary Ofenloch at MaryO.ASClub@live.com. The Andover Service Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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## Tanger Outlet Announces Fit for a Cure 5K

**Sunday, October 5, in Tilton**

**Press release**

The Tanger Outlets Tilton, in conjunction with Northeast Communications, Belknap Landscape Company, Granite State Credit Union, The Citizen, CrossFit Corps, and Comcast Spotlight, will host the sixth annual Fit for a Cure 5K Run/Walk, presented by AutoServ, on Sunday, October 5, at 8:30 AM. This is a USA Track and Field-certified, timed 5K (3.1 mile) event that will take place at the Tanger Outlets.



a commemorative participant medal and shopping discounts. Prizes will be awarded to top three male and female winners, along with division winners in each age category.

Runners can register at TangerOutlets.com/Race. The registration fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 12, or \$25 beginning on October 3 through race day. If a business or organization will have 10 or more participants, please contact Tanger's General Manager, Eric Proulx, at Eric.Proulx@TangerOutlets.com for group discount information.

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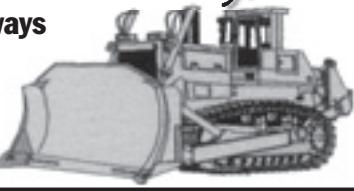
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## Frank Haley Looks Back Over 91 Years in Andover

Two Purple Hearts and a life-time of community service

By Lauretta Phillips, for the Beacon

Frank Haley was born on August 4, 1923, in the upstairs front room of the house his great-grandfather bought on Boston Hill Road in Andover. The house, now owned by Dr. Coolidge and his wife Margo, still stands sentinel facing the road and watching Mount Kearsarge from the front and Highland Lake from the rear.

Some of the land once owned by Frank's grandfather and father is still in the family, divided among the four Haley boys. Frank was the only boy of six children born to Frank Mose Haley and Mertie Carolyn Sleeper.

Frank can tell you all kinds of stories about what it was like to live in East Andover in the days of his youth. Stories about the two-room school house, plowing snow, making cider, and putting food up. Stories about driving the horse, cutting ice for the ice house on Highland Lake, the railroad, and farming.

Frank went to the two-room school house that is in East Andover behind the Grange Hall. He had to sweep the floors of the school once every day for a week because "the boys" borrowed the janitor's broom handle to use for a pole vault. When it was discovered missing, the teacher declared none of the kids could go out to recess unless someone owned up to taking it, so he said he did it. Everyone wanted to go outside, and they were all getting punished. It just didn't seem fair.

His grandfather was a farmer. He had sheep and goats and made prize-winning cheese. Frank helped with the garden and the farming. They had a big garden of red kidney beans, potatoes, corn, and other vegetables. He had to get the corn and beans cultivated before he could go swimming.

They farmed with a horse named Babe, and Frank used the horse to pull the cultivator. That garden was so big that by the time he got the corn and beans done, he was too tired to go swimming. It was just too far to walk.

"Everyone was always busy those days. You learned to work young," said Frank, as he reminisced about his early days in Andover. His mom was busy all the time. In the daytime she did outside chores and cooking, and at night

she sewed on her treadle Singer sewing machine. Frank said, "She was the best cook you ever did see. She used to make baking powder biscuits or cream of tartar biscuits. They were the best ever."

You could see as he was talking that he almost could taste those biscuits and see that farm the way it used to be.

Frank said, "I have almost always lived in New Hampshire, except when



Frank and Anne Haley

I was in the Marines in World War II." Frank served his country nobly in World War II, earning two Purple Hearts. Like a lot of veterans of our many wars, he doesn't talk much about it.

He worked many jobs. He had his own sash and door business until it burned to the ground in 1968. He worked for the railroad and had a long career in the lumber business, working first for other companies and then owning Haley Lumber, which he started when he was 65, the age most people retire. He retired only after his eyesight got too bad to continue, when he was 80.

July 25, 2014 marked the 49th anniversary of his marriage to his wife Anne. It is well-known that Frank's favorite job was helping to raise his boys. When Anne and Frank married, he had two children by a previous marriage, a boy and a girl. The girl, Joanne, lived with her mother in California.

Anne had three boys. Not long after they were married, Frank adopted Anne's boys, and they became one big Haley family. He taught all four of the Haley boys many things. He taught them to work hard and do as they were told and be honest. He also passed on the things his mother and father taught

See Frank on page 39

## Michaela Trefethen Named to President's List at Barton College

Spring semester, 2014

Press release

Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina, named 53 students to the President's List and 334 students to the Dean's List for the spring semester of 2014. President's List students com-

piled a perfect 4.0 grade point average; Dean's List students achieved a grade point average of 3.3 or better on a four-point scale.

Michaela Trefethen of Andover was among the 53 students with a perfect 4.0 grade point average named to the President's List.



Joel, Tiffany, Sierra, and Cody Provost enjoyed a Disney cruise to Alaska in July ... with their copy of the Beacon. Pictured are Sierra, Tiffany, and Cody during the family's drive from Skagway, Alaska to the Yukon Territory of Canada.

Photo: Joel Provost



Tom Brown joined a group from Trinity Bible Church in South Sutton on a trip to Romania for 10 days to help the Pathway to Joy organization in their work with disadvantaged children. "We ran children's programs in a gypsy village and an orphanage. We also spent time helping in a hospital ward dedicated to abandoned children," Tom writes. In this photo, Tom proudly displays the Beacon and his Beacon t-shirt at a mall in the city of Oradea during an afternoon of down-time.

### Frank from page 38

him. He taught them plumbing, wiring, and building, too.

Frank has been an active member of the Andover community for many years. He was a member and past president of the Andover Lions Club for 20 or 25 years. He was a member of the volunteer fire department. He was also instrumental in getting the town ambulance. He drove it for five or six years and during that time helped to deliver twin girls.

Frank was a member of the Odd Fellows for 30 years, holding Noble Grand

and District Deputy offices, and still supports them. He was a member of the Lumberman's Association. He was a deacon in the East Andover Congregational Church for about 15 years.

Every year for the past 11 years, Frank has walked in the Blind Awareness Walk-A-Thon that takes place each June. He has been the top individual fundraiser for this walk for 10 years in a row, bringing in a total of \$45,524. The New Hampshire Association for the Blind provides vision rehabilitation services for New Hampshire people of all ages who, like Frank, are blind or visually impaired.



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### 117th Hersey Family Reunion, August 2, 2014

60 family members from Maine to California

By Rita Norander  
Hersey family secretary

Despite a foggy, cloudy start to the day, the weather on August 2, 2014 turned out to be perfect for the 117th annual Hersey Reunion, which was held at the Newfound Lake home of Helen LaPlante Duchesne. Sixty members and two guests, representing nine states (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia, Georgia, Ohio, California), were in attendance.

Traveling the farthest were Lori Hersey, her husband Tom Giesler, and their two sons from California, who were spending time at the Hersey Farm in East Andover. The oldest member present was Helen Duchesne, age 85, while the youngest member was her one-year-old great-granddaughter, Ja'Liyah Brown. There were four generations of Helen's family present.

The traditional pot luck dinner was eaten outside, overlooking the lake. This was followed by the business meeting, which was called to order by Vice President Chris Duchesne. A moment of silence was held for Floyd Covey, Patty Weitsman, Dick Mountfort, and Margaret LaPlante Paquette, who died this past year. Margaret was the reunion president

for 35 years and had attended 44 consecutive reunions. Secretary Rita Norander gave a condensed reading of last year's reunion, and Treasurer Lucy Twombly gave the treasurer's report, which was followed by the passing of the hat.

Officers elected for the upcoming year were President, Paul Hersey; Vice President, Chris Duchesne; Secretary, Rita LaPlante Norander; and Treasurer, Lucy Hersey Twombly. Paul is the first president with a Hersey name since Myron Hersey was president in 1947.

The election was followed by the children's favorite part of the meeting – the drawing of the door prizes! Thanks were given to Lisa and Jeff Boucher and to Mark and Lynn Duchesne for donating the prizes.

Before the meeting adjourned, Monique Paquette Scharlotte, on behalf of her family, presented an inscribed gavel in memory of her mother. The inscription reads (in three lines): "Margaret (LaPlante) Paquette; June 10, 1938 – February 1, 2014; Hersey Reunion Pres. 35 years." Thanks were given for this treasured gift!

Ice cream cones, swimming, paddle boat rides, playing cards and other games, toys for the younger members, and most of all visiting, finished out a very successful reunion day!

Next year's reunion will be at Newfound Lake on August 1, 2015.

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## Andover Afterschool Program, September 2014

Still accepting new enrollments

### Press release

Welcome back to school everyone. We here at the Andover After School Program are ready for a new and exciting year.

We are welcoming Shawna Barton and Deanna Crucitti to our staff. Brianna Keniston is also coming back for another year.

The beginning of the year is always exciting, because the new third graders

graduate to their own room at the Annex. Also, the new fourth graders finally move to the upstairs. This is where they enjoy a reading room and game room of their own. They wait patiently to finally make it up to the "big kids" area.

We have many returning children from last year and some that have moved on. We have many openings and are accepting new enrollments. Feel free to stop in any afternoon to check out the place. Please contact us with any questions at 735-6566 or AndoverKids@gmail.com.



Brayden Gilman, Parker Sweeney, Brennan Dunklee and Giovanna Shipley-hale chase bubbles on a warm summer day.

## East Andover Village Preschool, September 2014

Still accepting enrollments for the new year

By Elizabeth Janvrin, EAVP director

With the arrival of the 2014-2015 school year, we welcome new students and a new teacher to East Andover Village Preschool. Ms. Lawre Goodnow is joining Ms. Elizabeth Janvrin and Ms. Alicia Williams on the EAVP staff.

Lawre brings with her 17 years of experience in local early childhood programs, along with a Masters Degree in Art Education. She will be sharing her passion for art and nature with all of us in the classroom.

As we begin the year, we will engage in activities to learn about each other, from our likes and dislikes to what makes each of us special. We will use our family compositions to explore concepts such as sorting and graphing, along with the letters of our names.

We will use our drawing and emergent writing skills to make a group book about our favorite things. Through making play dough and fruit salad, we will experience how to be a part of a

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team and to communicate with each other for an ultimate goal.

We are excited to see what the new year brings us for learning and adventures at EAVP!

Our summer camp program continued to enjoy the summer break up on the hill with an in-depth look at sharks, exploring a variety of artists, and playing with all of our friends; both new and old.

We continued our weekly visits to the Bachelder Library with Ms. Gail, where we read about and created crafts of under the sea. It was a great summer with her, reading in depth about all of the different creatures, especially our favorites: seahorses, sharks, and whales.

After seven weeks of waiting and watching our garden with intent to find some vegetables, we have successfully picked a bowl full of green beans and pea pods, although they were quickly enjoyed by all during our outdoor and lunch time. We cannot wait to see all of the green tomatoes turn to red and the squash go from small to large.

EAVP is still accepting enrollments for our 2014-2015 school year. We are also seeking a part-time, afternoon preschool teacher. If you are interested in either, please contact Elizabeth at EAVP@tds.net or 735-5105.

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## Bryan Delaney Killed by DUI Driver in California

Three prior DUIs lead to charge of murder

By Pauline Repard  
San Diego Union-Tribune

A motorist convicted in three drunken-driving cases and a host of lesser driving offenses has been charged with murder in connection with a recent crash that killed a motorcyclist in Bay Park, San Diego.

Jeremy Lucas Salcedo, 26, faces charges of murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, hit-and-run driving resulting in death, and driving on a license suspended in a prior DUI case, a District Attorney's spokeswoman said Tuesday.

San Diego police said that on July 25, Salcedo pulled a U-turn on Morena Boulevard south of Balboa Avenue and slammed into a southbound motorcyclist, then drove off. Officers pulled over his Audi and arrested him shortly after 1 AM.

The motorcycle rider, Bryan Delaney, 36, was hospitalized with major head injuries and died more than a

week later, on August 3.

Delaney, a waiter at George's at the Cove in La Jolla, was heading home from work at the time, said San Diego police traffic investigator Dan Wall. He said Salcedo was heading home after drinking with friends in La Mesa.

Salcedo's bail was increased to \$500,000, and he posted a bond for his release.

San Bernardino County court records show Salcedo was convicted in DUI cases filed last September, in December 2012, and in August 2006. Wall said Salcedo failed to appear in a fourth DUI case, so a warrant was issued for his arrest.

The records also show convictions back to 2006 for driver's license violations: speeding at more than 100 mph, running stop signs, and not wearing a seat belt. Other cases involving driving on a suspended license, speeding, having no proof of insurance, and failure to appear were dismissed, court records show.

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## LRGHealthcare Among the Best in Patient Safety and Infection Control

Working toward 100% hand hygiene compliance

### Press release

A collaborative effort between departments at LRGHealthcare has resulted in multiple recognitions in patient safety and infection control in the past six months.

Earlier this summer, Franklin Regional Hospital (FRH) received a 2014 Healthgrades Patient Safety of Excellence Award. This award recognizes the top 10% of hospitals as leaders in patient safety based upon the analysis of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) patient safety indicators.

Over 4,700 hospitals are evaluated, and 381 hospitals were recognized with having the lowest occurrences of 13 serious, potentially preventable complications during a patient stay. FRH was one of only two hospitals in the state of New Hampshire to be presented with this award.

Lakes Region General Hospital (LRGH) was one of the only four hospitals in the state having a lower-than-predicted surgical site infection rate, according to the State of New Hampshire Healthcare-Associated Infections 2013

### Hospital Report

"A major part of creating a safe environment for our patients is teamwork," stated Dr. M. Abigail Dacuyucuy, Medical Director of Infection Control and Prevention. "The focus and energy from staff in taking all necessary precautions is evident."

The hand hygiene campaign measures the compliance rate of all clinical departments within the LRGHealthcare organization: both hospitals, Hillside Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC), and Laconia Clinic ASC. The New Hampshire Healthcare Quality Assurance Commission collects data from all hospitals and ASCs in the state and considers a 95% compliance rate as the standard of care. Darlene Burrows, Director of Infection Control and Prevention, says that while LRGHealthcare as a whole averages between a 90% and 95% compliance rate, all departments are working towards achieving a 100% compliance rate.

Flu season is approaching. LRGHealthcare will be offering flu clinics at various sites throughout the Lakes and Twin River regions starting in mid-October. Please be on the lookout for specific dates, times, and locations.



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## OBITUARIES

**RAYMOND E. CLARKE, Jr.**, 85, of Bow, died on July 24, 2014 at his son's home in Wilmot. He was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, on May 17, 1929, the son of Raymond E. Clarke, Sr. and Edith M. (White) Clarke Rathborn.

Ray lived in Bow for the past 20 years, previously residing in the Concord area and also in Wilmot. In his early years, he worked for the Indian motorcycle factory. He and his father painted metal barn roofs in Vermont and New Hampshire as well as steeples and drive-in movie theater screens.

From 1954 until last month he owned and operated R.E. Clarke's Tree Service and did tree work for different states, cities, towns, and also private businesses and residences.

Ray was well liked and had an infectious laugh. He loved his family and work and enjoyed going to the casino and playing the slot machines.

He was predeceased by his sister, Madeline Dukette and a stepson, William Piroso. Members of his family surviving include his wife of 20 years, Marjorie (Charpentier) Piroso Clarke of Bow; five children: Kenneth and his wife Donna Clarke of Wilmot, Joanne Sawtelle of Pensacola, Florida, Rita Porter of Manchester, Raymond and his wife Stephanie Clarke of Brooksville, Florida, and Deborah Clarke and her husband Albert LeBlanc of Bradford; two stepsons, Alan and his wife Faith Piroso of Warner and Brian Piroso of Penacook; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and



step-great grandchildren; three sisters, Florence C. Gove of Andover, Jacqueline H. Gagne of Port Richey, Florida, and Kathleen O'Shea of Hudson, Florida; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends called at the Chadwick Funeral Home in New London on Sunday, July 27. A graveside service was held in Blossom Hill Cemetery, Concord, on Monday, July 28.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, PO Box 2209, New London 03257.

**JAMES THOMAS MAGUIRE**, 71, of Marco Island, Florida, died on July 26, 2014, at Tampa General Hospital, where he was awaiting heart surgery.

Jim was born November 19, 1942, in Ossining, New York to John and Anna Maguire. The family moved to Andover in 1957, where Jim's dad owned a restaurant, Quimby's Diner, on Main Street where New Horizons Hairstylists is now. Jim graduated from Andover High School in 1961.

Jim started college at the University of New Hampshire after high school, and then enlisted in the US Army in March 1965. After initial training, he was selected to attend the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, to become

an Arabic Linguist. He graduated from that schooling in October 1966 and was then selected to attend Officer Candidate School and became an Ordnance Corps officer in 1967. Jim served in Vietnam in 1968 and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his actions there.

After leaving active duty in 1969, Jim went back to college and completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees and started work towards his PhD. Jim was a research sociologist, working with various companies and organizations over the years. He was a master at helping business and government entities with organizational development and leadership from within. He retired from civil service with the US Army in 1997.

Jim was a gentleman of very many talents and interests. He loved jazz, woodworking, cooking, working with plants and flowers, and, most of all, fishing. He fished everywhere he went and loved the diverse waters from Alaska to Hawaii and California, and from New Hampshire to Florida. He taught his daughters to fish and, most recently, his six-year-old grandson. He made the best mango marmalade you've ever tasted, and his family and friends are going to be sorely disappointed that there are only a dozen jars left.

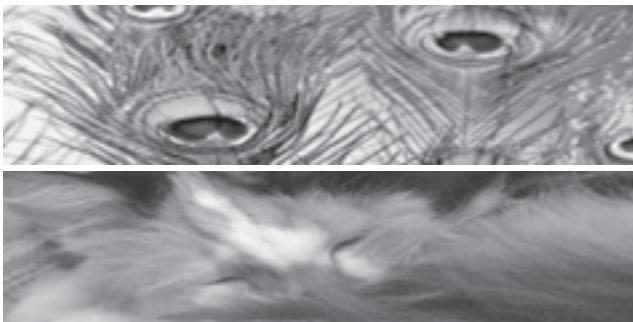
Jim was an activist in the interests of the rights of people here in the US and around the world. He did a lot of traveling to countries around the world, both for business and pleasure, and immersed himself in other cultures to know the world's peoples. Jim very much wanted this country to be on the right track. He was an avid reader, a critical thinker, and a problem solver. He loved to discuss the issues and was well grounded in his sense of right and wrong.

Jim will be held with love in the memories of his wife, Karen; his daughter, Allison (Kyle); his brother, John (Ellen); his cousins, Dan (Hanna) and Elaine (Jan); his grandchildren, Liam, Declan, Megan, and Fiona; and the many good friends he made along

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his life's journey.

A remembrance of Jim was held on August 4 at Fuller Funeral Home in Naples, Florida. Jim then made one more boat ride with his wife, daughter, and brother to a favorite fishing spot off Marco Island, where he will remain.

**ALBERT E. LANGLOIS**, 75, after a long and valiant battle with cancer, lost the fight and passed away on July 28, 2014. He was the beloved soul-mate and, for 55 years, a devoted husband to Louise C. (Lemay) Langlois. He was also the dear "Papa" of seven children and "Pepe" to 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Al was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on November 6, 1938. He was one of 10 children of the late Alfred and Lena (Boisvert) Langlois. He lived his life in Lowell, where he was well known and deeply loved.

He worked hard his whole life, starting with shining shoes when he was nine years old. Over the next 54 years, he worked at several places in and around the Lowell area. He retired as a pressman from Dusobox Company in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Al loved to cook and to share meals with family, friends, and neighbors. He had a creative mind and a gift for building gadgets that were worthy of patenting. He was a devoted Catholic who enjoyed discussing religion, politics, and current

events. In his younger days, he enjoyed dancing, especially at the Commodore Ballroom, where he first met Louise.

Besides his loving wife, Louise, he is survived by his children, Michael Langlois and his wife Wanda of Andover; Suzanne Langlois and her longtime companion Robert McCord, and David Langlois and his wife Hoang, all of Lowell; Lisa Coronado and her husband Troy of Germantown, Maryland; Marguerite Pare and her longtime companion Chris Gagne of Dracut, Massachusetts; and Louise Mahoney and her husband Paul of Haverhill, Massachusetts; two sisters: Theresa Langlois of Pepperell, Massachusetts and Lorraine Boudreau of Lowell; three brothers: Roland Langlois and his wife Sandra of Florida; Walter Langlois and his wife Dianne, and William Langlois and his wife Eileen, all of Lowell; four sisters-in-law: Irene Langlois of Lowell, Elaine Langlois of Derry, New Hampshire, Judy Langlois of Lowell, and Pauline Langlois of New Hampshire; 15 grandchildren: Michael P., Crystal, Desirée, Shauna, Derek, Jarrin, Nicole, Julianna, Brianna, Raquel, Jacqueline, Mindy, Corey, Christina, and Richard; five great-grandchildren: Michael A., Anthony, Dylan, Kyle, and Lauren; and many, many nieces and nephews. He was the father of the late Richard Langlois and brother of the late Arthur, Alfred, Ernest, and Andrew Langlois.

Relatives and friends called at the M. R. Laurin & Son Funeral Home in

Lowell on July 31. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday at St. Patrick's Church, Lowell, with interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chelmsford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made, in the name of Albert and Louise Langlois, to the Lowell General Cancer Center, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell MA 01854. To share your thoughts and memories of Al, please visit LaurinFuneralHome.com.

**BRYAN R. DELANEY**, 36, son of James W. Delaney Sr. and Frances V. (Litchfield) Delaney of Andover, died at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, California, on August 3, 2014 from injuries suffered in a motorcycle-automobile accident which occurred on July 25 in San Diego.

Bryan was born in Massachusetts on July 31, 1978. He had been a resident of Andover since birth and was a graduate of the Sunapee High School, class of 1998.

Following graduation, Bryan served with the US Navy, honorably discharged in 2001. He went on to study radiology for two years in California. He worked as a server in local restaurants while living in California for the past 10 years.

In addition to his parents of Andover, he leaves two brothers, James W. Delaney Jr. and Daniel R. Delaney, both of Andover; and his maternal grandmother, Emily Rita (Mortland) Litchfield of Marshfield, Massachusetts; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and his constant canine companion, Diggy.

Services and burial will be private in Proctor Cemetery in Andover for his immediate family. Contributions in Bryan's name may be made to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 123 Goffe Street, Manchester 03102.

**CAROLYN B. (HEMSTOCK) ALLEN**, 101, of Concord, died on August 6, 2014. She was born in Alabama on May 28, 1913, to Melissa (Howell) Hemstock and Cornelius T. Hemstock. Her early years were spent in Canton, South Dakota and on Flaghole Road in East Andover. She attended Franklin High School.

She lived in Concord, where she joined the American Red Cross as a Grey Lady and a volunteer at the Concord Chapter; she worked her way up to executive secretary before her retirement in 1978.

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She enjoyed quilting and made quilts for each of her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed traveling and doing crossword puzzles. Carolyn was a member of the United Baptist Church of Concord, the Havenwood Auxiliary, and the King's Daughters of America, where she served as state treasurer for over 30 years. A scholarship in her name was established at Havenwood. For many years, she made hand puppets for the pediatric section of Concord Hospital.

She was predeceased by her brother, Joseph D. Hemstock, in 1973; by a daughter, Judith E. Varnum, in 1993; and by a great-grandson, Shane Drew, in 2014.

Carolyn is survived by three daughters, Helen W. Drew of Concord, Cornelia M. Patch of Northboro, Massachusetts, and Beatrice E. Thackeray of Epsom; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Nicy C. Ladd of Boscawen; a nephew, Thomas A. Ladd of Whitefield; and several cousins.

Friends and relatives called on August 9 at the HL Young and Company Memorial Home in Franklin, followed by a funeral service at the memorial home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Havenwood Resident's Support Fund, 33 Christian Avenue, Concord 03301.

**ROBERT EVERETT WELCH**, 80, of Winter Haven, Florida, formerly of

Bow, New Hampshire, and Highland Lake in East Andover, passed peacefully into eternity into the ever-loving arms of Jesus, his Savior, on August 13, 2014, after a brave battle with lymphoma.

Mr. Welch was born on July 15, 1934, in Concord and was the son of G. Everett and Lillian Welch (deceased). He graduated from Concord High in 1952 and was a US Army veteran. He lived in Bow and on Highland Lake in East Andover for many years, where he was active in the Highland Lake Protective Association.

He owned and operated Central Aire, Inc. for 32 years, was a past President of the Bow Men's Club, and a volunteer firefighter in Bow. He enjoyed playing golf and was a member of Mojalaki Golf Club in Franklin. He was also a member of Faith Baptist Church in Winter Haven, Florida.

Robert had an immense love for his wife, children, and grandchildren. He loved his Lord, loved life, loved people, and loved making people laugh.

Mr. Welch is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nancy, of Winter Haven, Florida; son Kevin Welch (Patricia) of Bow; daughter Sonja Smith (Steven) of Pittsfield, New Hampshire; grandchildren Brittnie Welch, Jessica Smith, Josiah Smith, Emma Welch Seagroves, Kyle Smith, and Anika Smith.

A visitation was held on August 16, followed by a memorial service at Faith Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Flor-

ida. Burial with military honors took place on August 18 at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith Baptist Church Building Fund, 2140 Crystal Beach Road, Winter Haven FL 33880.

**HOPE (PETERSON) HOWARD**, age 97, died on August 16, 2014, in New London.

Hope was born in East Milton, Massachusetts, the daughter of Julius and Bertha (Mann) Peterson of Quincy, Massachusetts.

She grew up in the Wollaston area of Quincy, graduating from North Quincy High School in 1935.

Hope became a nurse after attending Talitha Cumi Hospital of Nursing. After graduating, she worked as a nurse at the Quincy City Hospital in Quincy, Massachusetts.

In 1942 she married Lloyd H. Darling. After her two sons were born, she worked for several companies in the South Shore area of Boston, including Weymouth Art and Leather Company and North Terminal Company, where she achieved the level of office manager after becoming a certified public accountant.

In 1974 she was married to David W. Howard of Cohasset, Massachusetts.

She retired and moved to New London with her husband in 1984.

In her youth, Hope enjoyed competitive sailing, roller skating, and swimming in the South Shore area of Boston. She had a special ability to sew, make clothes, and create craft items. Also, she enjoyed researching her own family's genealogy.

Throughout her life, Hope was an active member of her community, volunteering at the New London Hospital (as well as serving as a trustee), being the treasurer of the New London Hospital Auxiliary and board member of the New Hampshire Association of Hospital Auxiliaries.

Later, she became a member of the New London and New Hampshire Historical Societies, the Council on Aging, and ABC Quilting. Along with these, she also found time to work as a volunteer at the New London Archives, where she tirelessly researched town records and histories for 15 years.

Hope is predeceased by her husband of 31 years, David W. Howard. She is

survived by her sister Jeanne Mulligan of Bedford; her two sons, Peter L. Darling and wife Lisa of Scottsville, New York and Steven R. Darling and wife Gisela of Andover; and by her three stepchildren, Elizabeth (Howard) Pike and her husband Andrew, Bradley Howard and his wife Rose Ann, and D. Scott Howard; grandchildren Melissa, Michael, Jennifer, Katherine, Caitlin, Scott, and Angela; great-grandson Logan; and great-granddaughters Kylene and Matilda. All of her family will miss her loving support and endless concern for others.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, August 30, at 11 AM in West Part Cemetery, New London. Donations may be made in her memory to the New London Hospital, 273 County Road, New London 03257.



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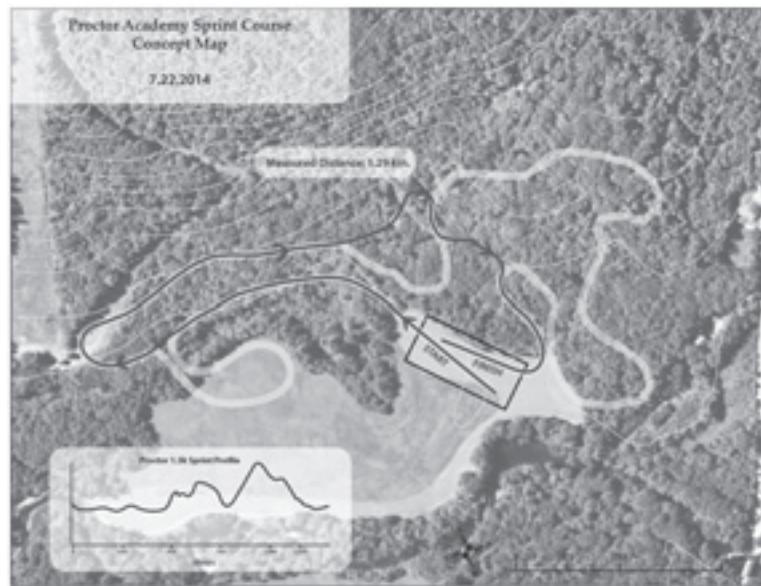
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## Proctor Receives Grant to Upgrade Ski Trail System

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### Press release

Proctor is the recent beneficiary of a \$250,000 grant to build upon the already extensive Nordic trail system surrounding the Proctor Ski Area. This exciting initiative, while focused on Nordic skiing, will serve as a multi-use facility for many outdoor pursuits.

The enhancements, designed by legendary trail designer John Morton of Morton Trails in Thetford, Vermont, include the widening of existing trails to meet the standards established by FIS, the international governing body for skiing, and the creation of new trail sections to connect the race loops so that the course can now host championship-level competitions.

In addition, the new courses will feature full snowmaking on over 2.5 kilometers of trails, making Proctor the only FIS homologated Nordic course at any high school in New England featuring full snowmaking.

While improvements to the Nordic trails are the focus of the enhancements, the multi-use focus of Proctor's wood-

land management program will ensure that many people will benefit from the improvements, including hikers, mountain bikers, and runners.

Coordinating the efforts of all the contractors involved has been critical to ensure that environmental impacts are minimal. Through the efforts of Proctor Ski Area manager Garry George and Proctor Woodlands manager David Pilla, minor logging has been completed. Trail grading to ensure proper elevation gains on the course by Sandy Enegess Tractor Service of Peterborough, welding of snowmaking pipes by Hewitt's Welding of Laconia, and snowmaking installation by Snow Economics of Natick, Massachusetts, will continue throughout the fall in preparation for the Nordic season this winter.

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If you are interested in filling this important position, please contact Michelle Dudek, Board Chairperson, at [mdudek@aemseagles.org](mailto:mdudek@aemseagles.org). The board hopes to fill this vacancy before their October 7th meeting.

## Andover Recreation Soccer Starts in September

### Press release

Soccer season has arrived for 50 Andover first through sixth graders. They are lacing up their cleats and headed out to Howard George Field at Blackwater Park. The first games begin the week of September 2.

This year, Andover will field four teams. Michelle Dudek will be coaching the first and second graders for the second year. She has quite a crew returning this year, as they work on their ball handling skills and basic rules of the game. She will practice with her players on Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 AM starting on September 6. At the 1st and 2nd grade level, players practice and scrimmage in Andover and do not travel to other towns for interleague play.

Player grade three and up are required to wear shin guards, cleats, and a mouthguard. No jewelry is allowed to be worn during games.

The third and fourth graders will be coached by Heidi Murphy. Due to the number of players, the third and fourth grade team will be co-ed. Practices will be held on Wednesday nights, with games held on some Fridays and ev-

ery Saturday. Heidi is hoping to work on dribbling, passing, receiving, and shooting the ball with her players, as well as basic team strategy.

When it comes to the fifth and sixth graders, we have two teams this year. The girls will be coached by Claudio Marcus, and the boys will be coached by Robert Kozioł. Both of these coaches are veterans to soccer and have been around the Andover Soccer Recreation Program previously.

At this age, the level of competition increases, along with the field size. The team practices will be held on Mondays, with the boys playing games on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, while the girls hit the field on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. They also both have games on Saturdays through October 18.

Feel free to stop by the Howard George Field during a game to cheer on the young players. It is the policy of the Merrimack Valley Soccer League to always keep the games positive and encouraging for the young players. For more information, visit [MVSL.org](http://MVSL.org)! Here's to a safe and enjoyable season!



## Fall Field Hockey for Andover Girls

**Grades three through six practice at MVMS**

### Press release

Fall Field Hockey is approaching!

Any girls living in the Merrimack Valley or Andover School Districts in grades three to six who are interested in playing field hockey in the fall can now register at the Penacook Community Center at [AndoverBeacon.com/Field-Hockey-2014.pdf](http://AndoverBeacon.com/Field-Hockey-2014.pdf). Practices and games

will be held on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:15 PM, and on Sundays from 3 to 4:30 PM, beginning on August 27 and ending on October 19.

Practices will be held on the field hockey field behind the Merrimack Valley Middle School. Girls participating will need shin guards, a mouth guard, and a stick. (Some sticks will be available to use if one is needed). The cost for the season is \$35. Call Kim at 796-2773 with any questions.



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David Reynolds (left) finishes his lunch at the top of a jump in Lake Placid while his brother Matthew (third from left) chats with other campers.

Photo: David Cahill

## Andover Outing Club Jumpers Head to Lake Placid

Nick Fairall and Chris Lamb join them there

By Matthew, David, and Sophia Reynolds, AOC

The Andover Outing Club (AOC) ski jumpers have been busy this summer. In Lake Placid, New York, Grasshopper Camp is held four times every two weeks during the summer at the 1980 Olympic Ski Jumping complex.

Grasshopper Camp is a ski jumping camp sponsored by the New York Sports Education Foundation. This year's camps were led by Andover native and ski jumper Chris Lamb.

The sessions focus on overall training and lots of ski jumping. The camps end with a competition, and each session is part of a Summer Jumping Series that culminates on Columbus Day weekend.

The session held from August 8 through 10 was attended by AOC members Alex Burt of Concord, Massachusetts, and Sophia, David, and Matthew Reynolds, all of Andover. When they arrived, they were excited to see both Chris Lamb and Olympic Team member

Nick Fairall there to coach them for the weekend.

In the summer, ski jumping takes place on the same jumps as winter, except the landing hill is covered with plastic strands put together like a thatched roof and kept wet with a sprinkler system. See AOC on page 47



Andover Outing Club members Alex Burt, Sophia Reynolds, Matthew Reynolds, and David Reynolds (right) were excited to learn that Chris Lamb (second from right) would be coaching them at ski-jumping camp in Lake Placid.

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education. From 1996 to 2007, Mark was a teacher, coach, and Area Coordinator at Merrimack Valley High School, teaching Computers and Business Education. From 2007 to 2014, Mark held two administrative posts: Dean of Academics at Alvirne High School, and Assistant Superintendent of Schools at the Kearsarge Regional School District.

Mark brings a collaborative, enthusiastic, and technology-focused leadership style to his superintendency. Among his many goals is strengthening the partnership with Andover students, teachers/staff, and families. Don't be surprised when you see him at AE/MS! A husband and proud father of two children, Mark prides himself on his open communication and receptivity to feedback. He invites you to contact him should you ever have any questions or concerns. He will become a familiar face at AE/MS, and you will have lots of opportunities to meet him.

David Miller, the new principal for Merrimack Valley High School, is also eager to meet our middle school students and families. We have already made plans for him to meet our middle school students during the first full week in September.

I am also excited that AE/MS parent and community member Katie Keyser now works in the SAU 46 office. I think that will be a great connection for our community.

Brittney Fournier is the new AE/MS music teacher and band and chorus director. She has lots of enthusiasm and great ideas for our music program. She is looking for African drums, if you might have some to spare.

Curriculum work is always part of summertime, and this year was no different. Common Core Curriculum has been modified to fit our school. Students in grades three and four have new math materials this year. After much research, it was decided to pilot the Go Math program for the 2014-15 school year.

More technology has been thoughtfully added to classrooms to improve and enhance student learning. Students will also have increased access to Chromebooks.

Fifth through eighth grade cross country running started in mid-August, and seventh and eighth grade soccer is now in full swing as well. Students who have not been available for pre-season workouts can still come out for the teams and practice when the school year begins. Four of our middle school students will play football for Merrimack Valley Middle School this fall.

We will update our Web site and include game and meet schedules for all three teams.

There has been a lot of work done with the building and grounds this summer to prepare for the new school year. The first and second grade students will be surprised to see new colorful tile floors in their classrooms. This will be much easier to maintain than the carpeting and have less allergens dispersed.

A new weather-resistant carpet has been installed at the main office entrance which will wear better. Screens and window shades were repaired or replaced in several classrooms and in the library. Painting was done throughout the building, and on the outside railings.

A new kitchen range is now ready for fabulous culinary school lunch creations. Joanne Young, kitchen manager, is very excited about the new possibilities. New fencing was installed on the left side of the building. This was a much needed project. The parking lot will be painted by early September. The crosswalks, parking spaces, etc. need to be brightened.

In early October, one of the basketball backboards in the gym will be repaired. The hand crank system is no longer operable, so an electric model will replace it. We will reuse our existing backboard. There were many other changes and improvements over the summer. We think you'll see a positive difference when you are in the building.



**School may not be in session yet, but teachers are in the AE/MS building planning for a new school year. Gretchen Hildebrand, Kristy LaRoche, and Jay Hubbard are sharing and preparing math lessons for grades two, three, and four.**

**Photo: Jane Slayton**

**AE/MS Fall Soccer Schedule**

|                                          |                                                           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| September 3 • 4 PM • at MV               | October 6 • 3:30 PM • Kearsarge Blue • Boys and Girls     |
| September 12 • 4 PM • at Goshen-Lempster | October 7 • 4 PM • at Hopkinton                           |
| September 16 • 4 PM • Sant Bani          | October 9 • 3:30 PM • Kearsarge Gold • Boys and Girls     |
| September 18 • 4 PM • at Newport         | October 14 • 3:30 PM • Franklin                           |
| September 23 • 4 PM • Goshen-Lempster    | October 17 • 3:30 PM • at Kearsarge Blue • Boys and Girls |
| September 25 • 4 PM • Newport            | October 20 • 3:30 PM • at Franklin                        |
| September 29 • 4 PM • MV                 | October 21 • 3:30 PM • at Kearsarge Gold • Boys and Girls |
| October 2 • 4 PM • at Sant Bani          | Jamboree at Proctor                                       |
| October 4 • 9 AM to 3 PM • Soccer        |                                                           |

**AE/MS Fall Cross-Country Schedule**

|                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|
| September 9 • Merrimack Valley Middle School • 4 PM |
| September 24 • Home Meet at Proctor • 4 PM          |
| September 30 • Hopkinton Middle School • 4 PM       |
| October 18 • State Meet                             |

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tem. The track has polymer bumps that simulate the ice tracks of winter jumps. The tracks have water running through them to keep them wet.

The only part that is harder is that when you get to the end of the plastic on the landing hill, you have to sit down so you don't face-plant on the grass.

Before we started jumping, we would play soccer and stretch. Then we would go to the jumps for some practice.

At lunch, they set up a small buffet and we could eat anywhere we wanted; on Saturday, we ate at the top of the K90 ski jump. Then we would do some more jumping.

On the second day of camp, we watched a competition on the K90 (Olympic Normal Hill) from the judging tower. Overall, it was a great time, and we plan to go back on Columbus Day weekend for the last session.

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Brittney Fournier (second from left) is the new AE/MS music teacher and band and chorus director. Several staff members were in the building during the summer to welcome Brittney to AE/MS and point out to her that at AE/MS, we think differently! Pictured are Christine Braley, Brittney Fournier, Laura Witt, and Gretchen Hildebrand.

Photo and caption: Jane Slayton

## A New School Year is Under Way at AE/MS!

New faces, new building improvements

By Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

The summer weeks have flown by, and AE/MS eagerly flung open the doors for a new school year. We are excited to have students back in the building again.

Tuesday, August 26, was the first day of school! Our first school week was three days long as we ease back into our academic routine. The first week ended with an outside luau and entertainment on Thursday afternoon as we celebrated a new year. Mr. Hubert entertained us musically. Parents were welcome to come for lunch and celebrate the start of a new year with us.

Kindergarten students got a head start to the new year when they attended Kindergarten Orientation on Mon-

day, August 25. Kindergarten students had the building to themselves as they explored their “big” new school without the older students in the building. They also had the opportunity for a short ride around the village on the school bus.

Also, we provided coffee on the first day of school for parents of kindergarten students. The first day of kindergar-

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ten is a very special and very big day for children and parents. This coffee gave parents a chance to gather and support each other as we began our nine-year AE/MS adventure together. There were laughter, tears, and lots of humorous

first-day-of-school stories and photos to share.

Mark MacLean is the new superintendent of schools for SAU 46 (Andover and Merrimack Valley School Districts). This year marks his 21st year in

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Joanne Young, AE/MS kitchen manager, is very excited about the arrival of the school's new gas range. It will replace a range that was only semi-functional, even after many repairs through the decades. The new range has six burners, a large griddle, a regular oven, and a convection oven. The sky (and the food budget) is now the limit for school lunch recipes!

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Proctor's turf fields, mountain bike and cross country courses, and football field will be home to more than 100 athletic competitions this fall. Proctor invites the community to check out the schedule at ?? and come out to see some games.

## Catch a Home Game at Proctor this Fall

Football, soccer, hockey, and mountain biking

Press release

The fall athletic season at Proctor is just around the corner! Football, field hockey, soccer, cross-country running, and mountain biking games will begin the second week of September.

All Proctor athletic games are free of charge, and the Andover community is encouraged to attend.

See a schedule of varsity home games and races in the month of September below, or visit [ProctorAcademy.org/page/on-campus/athletics](http://ProctorAcademy.org/page/on-campus/athletics) for up-to-date game times and locations for all teams.

### Proctor Academy Fall Sports Schedule

**September 6**

Field Hockey Jamboree, 1 PM

Boys Soccer vs. Groton, 2 PM

**September 17**

Mountain Biking

Lakes Region Race, 3:30 PM

Girls Soccer vs. Hebron, 4:15 PM

**September 19**

Football vs. New Hampton, 6:30 PM

**September 20**

Girls Soccer vs. New Hampton, 2:15 PM

Field Hockey vs. New Hampton, 2:30 PM

Boys Soccer vs. Hebron, 4:15 PM

**September 24**

Girls Soccer vs. Brewster, 2 PM

Boys Soccer vs. Brewster, 4 PM

**September 26**

Girls Soccer vs. Kimball Union, 6 PM

**September 27**

Girls Soccer vs. Southfield, 2 PM

Field Hockey vs. Hebron, 3:30 PM

**September 29**

Boys Soccer vs. St. Paul's, 4:30 PM