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Jeff and Kathy Sweet are another Andover household to go solar this year. Their 7.2 kw system of 30 panels and two inverters is sized to handle 100% of their electric needs over the course of the year. "ReVision Energy did a remarkable job on our installation," says Jeff. "I can't say enough about their excellent workmanship and professionalism. And it only took them a day and a half for the whole installation!" Photo: Charlie Darling

Solarize Kearsarge Helps Homeowners Save

Attend October 18 launch event in New London



Larry Chase, Andover Energy Group

Are you interested – even remotely – in installing solar panels to provide electricity for your home or small business?

If so, and if you own property in Andover, New London, or Wilmet, be

sure to attend the launch of Solarize Kearsarge on Saturday, October 18, at 10 AM in the Ivey Science Center at Colby-Sawyer College in New London.

Solarize Kearsarge is a 15-week project. See Solarize on page 5

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It's up to **ALL OF US** to **HELP KEEP THE BEACON GOING!**

Major Fundraising Push Starts on October 6

200 households aren't enough to keep the *Beacon* going!

The *Andover Beacon's* vital fall fundraising campaign gets underway on October 6! That's when our volunteer canvassers will start picking names of Andover residents who haven't donated to the *Beacon* yet this year. If this is the first you're hearing of this new initiative and why it's vital to keeping the *Beacon* going, here's a quick "guided tour" of what's at stake and how you can help.

What's all the fuss about? In brief, we've tried for 10 years to achieve stable, sustainable finances for the *Beacon*. We're not there yet, and we're running out of time to get there.

To get there, we have to increase the number of Andover households who make an annual donation to the *Beacon*. For all the thinking behind this, visit AndoverBeacon.com/All-of-Us.

How does this affect me? If you've already donated to *The Andover Beacon* this year (or if you get a donation

to us before a canvasser calls you), the fall fundraising campaign doesn't affect you at all! Otherwise, a volunteer canvasser will contact you to ask if you would make a donation for 2014 to help keep the *Beacon* going.

What's the goal for this campaign? The ultimate goal, which it may take a few years to reach, is to increase the number of Andover households that donate each year to the *Beacon* from 200 to about 650. That should put the *Beacon* on a stable and sustainable financial footing, so it can continue serving Andover into the indefinite future.

I've got more questions. We've tried to answer every question at AndoverBeacon.com/Donor-FAQ. But if that page doesn't help, please contact me at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099.



Scan this gizmo on your smartphone to donate now!



Finn and Kurt Weber head for the finish line of one of the races during the Rail Trail Run and Ride for the Special Olympics, held on September 27 at Proctor's Carr Field in the center of Andover. The weather was perfect for the many runners and bicycle riders who turned out, and food supplied by community organizations was plentiful and delicious. Photo: Rich Tilton

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The new Town of Andover Web site at Andover.NH.us is the go-to spot for official Andover information.

Town Launches New Web Site at Andover.NH.us

Wanted: photos and other submissions

Lois Magenau, Town Office

It's here!

The Town of Andover is pleased to announce that its newly revitalized Web site is up and running.

It is designed to provide you with all you may need and want to know about our beautiful town: upcoming meetings and events of interest, Town Office contact information, Board of Selectmen and committee meeting minutes, town photos – both current and historical – and much more.

A great deal of the success of the site

will have to do with you, our townspeople. Please contact Elita Reed at the Town Office at Finance@TownOfAndover.org with items you think would be interesting and appropriate for your Web site. See Web on page 5

Photos Wanted!

Many of the photos on the Town's new Web site are generic "placeholder" photos. We'd like to replace every one of them with photos of Andover people and places, both current and historical. Please submit any good Andover photos to Finance@TownOfAndover.org.

Receive Emergency Notifications on Your Phone or E-mail

Home phones automatic; cell phones require sign-up

Jane Hubbard
Emergency Management Director

Town of Andover emergency officials now have the ability to notify all Andover residents of emergency incidents affecting a portion or all of the town. As part of its NH Alerts program, the state of New Hampshire has implemented an Emergency Notification System that allows all communities to make emergency notifications to all of the home phones within their community.

Local emergency officials can make hundreds of automated phone calls, within minutes, to all landline phones within the town boundary – or to just a selected neighborhood, if necessary – about important emergency situations such as road closures or severe weather events. The state can also use the system to notify residents of statewide emergencies.

You don't have to do anything to activate the Emergency Notification System on your landline phone – all landline phones in the state are automatically part of the system.

Cell Phones and E-Mail

What if you're not at home, or don't

have a landline home phone? NH Alerts can reach you via your ordinary cell phone, your smartphone, or your e-mail, but you must sign up in advance in order to receive these emergency notifications.

To register your cell phone and/or e-mail address with the system so you can receive emergency notifications, visit NH911.org/SelfRegistration. The service you are signing up for is called CodeRED, which is part of the NH Alerts system.

(If you have kids in school, you're probably familiar with the school's phone-based notification system. This is not the same as the NH Alerts system! Even if you already get phone notifications from the school, you'll still have to sign up at NH911.org/SelfRegistration if you want to receive emergency alerts from Andover and state emergency officials on your cell phone or e-mail.)

If you use a smartphone, there is also a free public safety app – CodeRED Mobile Alert – that will allow you to receive instant, location-based alerts on the go, directly to your smartphone.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Hubbard, Andover Emergency Management Director, at 848-8801 or JHubb_99@yahoo.com.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 10:00 | WELCOME and INTRODUCTORY REMARKS | Bob Ward, FNRT-MC President |
| 10:15 | KEYNOTE ADDRESS | Chris Gamache, NH Trails Bureau |
| 10:30 | AWARDS PRESENTATION | Bob Ward, FNRT-MC President |
| 10:45 | RIBBON CUTTING and OFFICIAL OPENING of the NORTHERN RAIL TRAIL | Governor Maggie Hassan and US Senators Kelly Ayotte & Jeanne Shaheen (invited) |
| 11:00 | TOUR of the RAIL TRAIL | Walk, or ride your bike or horse. For wheelchair riders, the rail trail is handicap accessible. |
| 11:00 | HAYRIDES on the RAIL TRAIL | Courtesy of Roger Sanborn |
| 11:30 | RECEPTION and REFRESHMENTS | Music by the New Hampshire Rail Trail Band, composed of members of the Kearsarge Community Band, the Hopkinton Town Band, and the Upper Valley Community Band |



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LOCAL BEACON SUPPORTERS WIN!

Each month the *Beacon* holds a random drawing among Andover residents who have donated to the *Beacon* in the past calendar year. **Andover residents:** support the *Beacon* every year and join the fun! This month's winners are:

Andover Artist Lisa Jelleme	Matted Print	Suzy and Mark Stetson
Andover Pizza Chef	Large 2-Topping Pizza	Yvette and George Crane
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New Horizons Hairstylists	Hair Care Products	Susan and Larry Chase

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ect with the goal of doubling the number of solar-electric, or photovoltaic, installations in the three-town community of Andover, New London, and Wilmot. It has been organized by the Andover and New London volunteer energy committees, with support from Vital Communities, a Vermont-based nonprofit organization, as part of its wider Solarize Upper Valley project spanning 10 towns in New Hampshire and Vermont. More information is available at VitalCommunities.org/Solarize/Kearsarge.

The October 18 Solarize Kearsarge launch event, open to the public at no charge, will feature an illustrated presentation on how photovoltaic systems work; their economic and environmental advantages over non-renewable energy sources; the variety of rebates, incentives, and discounts available; various financing opportunities; and the reasons to act during the 15 weeks of the Solarize project.

A question-and-answer period will follow. Take-away materials and sign-up sheets for more information will be available, and refreshments will be offered. After the session, an optional "field trip" to the Flying Goose Brew Pub about a mile away will give attendees a close-up look at a photovoltaic system in operation.

"We're excited about the potential of Solarize Upper Valley to increase adoption of renewable energy in the region by simplifying the process of 'going solar,'" said Sarah Simonds, Energy Program manager for Vital Communities. "This program will take us further toward our goal of meeting 90 percent of the Upper Valley's energy needs through energy efficiency and renewable energy sources by 2050."

Asked why Vital Communities is behind the project, Simonds said, "We're committed to moving our region toward energy independence. With improvements in solar technology leveling out, costs coming down, and incentives available at the state and federal levels, now is the perfect time for New Hampshire residents to be looking into solar."

Volunteer leaders for the Solarize Kearsarge project are retiree Larry

Chase of Andover, Colby-Sawyer business professor Bill Spear of New London, and New Hampshire State Representative Tom Schamberg of Wilmot.

How Solarize Kearsarge Works

1. A team of volunteers from the three towns interviewed a number of potential solar installers and selected ReVision Energy of Exeter to work closely with potential solar purchasers in the three towns over the project period. For more information about the company, visit ReVisionEnergy.com.

2. Between mid-October and the end of January, the volunteer team and ReVision Energy 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 by January 31, the savings, determined by a tiered pricing structure to be made public at the October 18 launch, will be greater for everyone.

The agenda for the launch event will include presentations by Simonds of Vital Communities and by ReVision Energy; and supporting comments by Bill Spear of New London, business professor at Colby-Sawyer College; Sophie Viandier of Andover, a member of Andover's Board of Selectmen; and State Representative Tom Schamberg of Wilmot.

For directions to the Ivey Science Center at Colby-Sawyer College, for additional information, and to be kept in the loop about more coming events, send your name and e-mail address to Larry Chase (Andover) at LBChase@aol.com, Bill Spear (New London) at WSpear@Colby-Sawyer.edu, or Tom Schamberg (Wilmot) at Tom@YourPromoSolution.com.

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

Correction

In the September issue, we misspelled David Karrick's last name in not one, but two headlines. We regret the errors.

Web from page 2

site – it is your Web site! You can e-mail Elita what you'd like to submit. Photos should be in digital form.

Also, if you would like to be more involved, we are eagerly welcoming volunteers to help us maintain the site.

For those of you who have a business in town or are affiliated with a local non-profit, we would like to include your organization on the Web site. Therefore, feel free to provide us with your link.

We are excited about the new site and look forward to hearing from you as we build it into a useful and enjoyable experience for all of us.

Solarize Kearsarge Receives Wide Local Support

Andover's selection to participate (with New London and Wilmot) in the "Solarize Upper Valley" initiative was the culmination of a significant local effort. Here are excerpts from letters of support written on Andover's behalf:

From Marj Roy, Andover Town Administrator:

"On behalf of the Andover (New Hampshire) Board of Selectmen, I am sending this letter to express its support for the application of the Andover Energy Group (AEG) as Andover's participating organization in Round Two of Vital Communities' "Solarize Upper Valley" project.

"While AEG is not a formal agency of town government, the group has over the past three years made significant contributions to our community. The AEG has successfully organized a series of well-attended public events and programs, informational meetings with town agencies, fact-finding sessions, and public communications activities.

"The Andover Energy Group's membership represents a broad cross-section of the community. These members, and other supporters of AEG activities, sustain a wide local network vital for soliciting energy-related program ideas and bringing them to fruition."

From Jane Slayton, Principal, Andover Elementary/Middle School:

"I am delighted to endorse and fully support the application of the Andover Energy Group to participate with the towns of New London and Wilmot in Round Two of Vital Communities' 'Solarize Upper Valley' project.

"I am an enthusiastic supporter for a number of practical educational reasons. At the classroom level, the project can provide a variety of opportunities, at several grade levels, for teaching about the role that energy dependence plays in our lives, the global problems associated with fossil fuels, the science behind energy issues, and the economic and environmental trade-offs involved in energy choices.

"At the school-building level, the project can help educate staff, school board, and taxpayers about the costs – in dollars and in environmental impact – of alternative energy choices for school facilities (and for other municipal buildings as well).

"At the community level, the project, with its 15-week public outreach campaign, can help all our residents better understand the technical, economic, and environmental issues surrounding energy."

From Charlie Darling, Publisher, *The Andover Beacon*:

"As the Beacon's publisher, I'm committed to supporting all projects, programs, and events in our town that promise to increase its sustainability, resilience, and sense of community. The Vital Communities 'Solarize Upper Valley' project, as described to me, promises to do all three.

"As an individual, I firmly believe that the world's current dependence on fossil fuels must decline, and I'm keenly interested in changing personal behaviors (my own included) to lessen that dependence. Again, the 'Solarize' project promises to help bring those changes about. I fully support Andover's application to participate in the 'Solarize' project."



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Andover Librarian Priscilla Poulin plants the Beacon's canvassing reminder in front of the Andover Library to help kick off the fall fundraising campaign. If you'd like a lawn sign for your front yard, just stop by the Beacon office soon!
Photo: Charlie Darling

It's Time to Get Your Beacon Lawn Sign!

Help raise awareness of canvassing campaign

The Beacon's vitally-important fall canvassing campaign is coming in October. Please help remind everyone in Andover that "It's up to All of Us to Help Keep the Beacon Going" by putting one of our lawn signs in your front yard. We've only got 50 of them, so please stop by the Beacon office in the basement of the Town Hall soon to

get one.

We'll drive around and pick them all up just before Halloween, so you don't even have to worry about bringing them back.

Please help keep the Beacon going by showing your support with a lawn sign, making your 2014 donation before canvassing starts in October, or helping out as a canvasser. Your support makes a big difference!



IS THE BEACON FAILING?

Absolutely not! Our annual fall canvassing drive is because while we are not failing, we also are not in a financial position to continue forever.

The problem is a simple one – I'm getting older and definitely plan to step down from my full-time position at the *Beacon* at some point (sooner rather than later, hopefully). But the problem is that I work too many hours for too little pay to reasonably expect anyone else to take on this job.

For the *Beacon* to continue long past my tenure, the *Beacon's* Board of Directors estimates it will require the financial support every year of about 650 Andover households (in addition to all the ads, out-of-town subscriptions, and donations from local organizations that we currently receive). At that level of support, we could increase the salary for my position to what the job marketplace expects for the publisher of a newspaper and Web site and president of a small non-profit organization.

So let me say it again: **The *Beacon* is not failing!** But it can't continue forever with only 200 Andover households donating every year. So please, get a round tuit and donate today!
– Charlie Darling, Publisher

Are Cancer Rates in Andover Higher Than Elsewhere?

Experts discuss the data on October 22

Cindy Benson, for the *Beacon*

In early June, a panel of experts was invited to speak to concerned citizens of Andover about cancer rates in New Hampshire; how cancer statistics are gathered and analyzed; and what is being done in terms of education and outreach to communities. This panel was very informative and answered many questions from the audience throughout the presentation.

Andover requested that the New Hampshire state epidemiologist undertake an investigation to find out if rates of cancer in Andover are higher than other towns around the state. The experts have been working on this report and will present their findings to any interested citizens on Wednesday, October 22, at 7 PM at the Proctor Stone Chapel. Following is an outline of topics and presenters for the evening. Please come and be informed.

Topics and Presenters

Introduction: Brook Dupee, Chief, Bureau of Public Health Statistics and Informatics, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

A general overview of the state cancer registry: Dr. Judy Rees, Director, New Hampshire State Cancer Registry and Assistant Professor, Dartmouth College

Explanation of the Standardized Incidence Ratio: Thomas Lambert, Chief, Health Statistics and Data Management, DHHS

Analysis of Andover cancer incidence data: Monawar Hosain, State Cancer Registry Epidemiologist, DHHS

Questions and answers

Closing remarks: Brook Dupee, Chief, Bureau of Public Health Statistics and Informatics, DHHS

For more information, contact Vicky Mishcon at VLMishcon@comcast.net or 735-6402; or Cindy Benson at Cindy-Benson@tds.net or 321-9231.

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Letters

Run and Ride

Congratulations to the organizers of the Rail Trail Run and Ride event on September 27 and to all the volunteers who contributed their time, talents, and energy to make the day a success. I biked the 50k route with my lifelong friend Charlie Darling and enjoyed every minute. We came in dead last, but I swear it was on purpose – someone had to be sure all the rest-stop food was eaten!

I'm a veteran of many charity bike rides, and I can tell you that for quality, organization, and heart, this event was second to none. I'm already looking forward to next year's ride.

David Yerkes
Cheshire, CT

Thanks for Making the Auction a Success

The Center for the Arts wants to thank those who helped make our "Auction for the Arts" a success!

We appreciate our members, sponsors, and donors who contributed to our 2014 programs and support the arts in the Lake Sunapee Region.

Thank you to the Lake Sunapee Protective Association for the use of their venue, and to all the artists who donated artwork, including Marian Biron, Debbie Campbell, LB Chase, Grace Cooper, Elizabeth Craumer, Jean Cronin Connolly, Elizabeth D'Amico, Betsy Derrick, Joan Eaton, Wolfgang Ertl, Grant Hacking, Barbara Hunting, Lisa Jelleme, Ryan Kelley, Lori Lohstoeter, Tom Pirozzoli, Sheila Psaedas, Yvonne

Shukovsky, David Tibbetts, Roger Wells, and Tatiana Yavonskaya-Sink. Thanks also to Summer Music Associates and Northern Stage, and to our loyal volunteers, members, and sponsors, without whom we could not bring quality arts programs to our community, offer scholarships, and support the arts in our region.

Jean Cronin Connolly
Chair, Center for the Arts,
Lake Sunapee Region

Consequences

For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. Every decision – financial, political, and/or social – results in intended and unintended consequences. For the past six years the American people supported the President, expecting that we could "trans-

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form" the country in positive ways. This did not happen.

Enabled and abetted by Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, extreme leftists, and a compliant media, this chief executive has all but declared Congress null and void. The Constitution stipulates that the President enforces the laws that Congress enacts. This President interprets laws to satisfy his wishes, to reward his supporters, and to punish his detractors. He and his Justice Department repeatedly ignore Freedom of

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 or to PO Box 149, Andover 03216. Those received by October 15 will be in the November issue.

Information Act (FOIA) requests for documents, issue exemptions to Obamacare, and grant excessive regulatory powers to the EPA.

The elections in November offer an opportunity to make our voices heard through our representatives. Let's elect Scott Brown as the newest senator from New Hampshire. Scott knows how to solve problems, works well with legislators of differing political viewpoints, and heeds the requests of his constituents. We must become more informed and involved, because freedom isn't free. We must set out on the difficult trip back to domestic prosperity and international respect. Please vote for Scott Brown.

Hilde Heaton

Sane and Sensible Path

With election day coming up, it's time to be thinking about our votes. We have two good people, Mario Ratzki and David Karrick, as our state representatives and a third, Andrew Hosmer, as our state senator. All three are standing for re-election

Mario, David, and Andrew are hard-working, responsible legislators doing their best to keep our communities and

state on a sane and sensible path. We are fortunate in Andover to have them serving us in Concord. I hope you will vote to keep all three in office.

Bill Bardsley.

Help Getting Insurance

I wanted to write in support of Mario Ratzki and let others know of the help he gave me in getting health insurance coverage. I was divorced in 2009 and without health insurance, as the three jobs that I worked were all with small part-time employers.

Mario heard about my situation, and because I was a mother of four, he felt it was urgent that I get insurance. He got me in touch with the right people to make it happen with very little cost to myself.

Now I have health insurance, and I don't have to stress about not being able to go to the doctors when needed, and I can be healthy for my children.

Mario checks back in with me every time he sees me in town, and he has a real dedication to helping the people who live in this town and state.

With much gratitude,

Carmen Bates

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Exemplars of Public Service

It has been our pleasure to have become friends with Mario Ratzki and his wife Caroline. While searching New England for a new home after Boston, Andover won out, and they are very pleased with their choice, as are we. They are both exemplars of public service.

Mario is finishing a most successful first term and is now running for a second term as State Representative to again represent Andover, Salisbury, and Danbury.

We believe wholeheartedly that Mario Ratzki rightly deserves a second term. His attendance at House sessions has been admirable; he has been sensitive to the political feelings of his constituents irrespective of party affiliation; in Concord he has educated himself thoroughly on the issues of his committees, as well as most other committees; and he works well across party lines.

Our three towns are privileged to be represented so ably by Mario Ratzki, and we totally support him for another term.

Nan and Don Kaplan

Navigating State Bureaucracy

We wish to express our strong support for Mario Ratzki for State Representative for Merrimack County, District One.

Since Mario was elected, he has been instrumental in helping many of our citizens navigate the halls of state bureaucracy. In one specific example, he was instrumental in convincing the State Department of Transportation to provide 14 granite mile posts to the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail to install on the restored bike and snowmobile trail where they had disappeared.

He has been faithful in writing a monthly column for the *Beacon* which helps to keep us all aware of the issues facing the state. He is willing to step up for any and all of us when we have problems, concerns, or questions. He has been on the job 24/7 and definitely deserves all our support.

Ed and Mary Hiller

A Valuable Partner

My colleague David Karrick, Merrimack District 25 (Warner, Webster, Salisbury, Andover, and

Danbury: the so-called floterial district), has been a valuable partner in Concord in the last two years. As a former banker and former Warner selectman, he brings experience with numbers as well as with the way a town is run. He serves on the Ways and Means Committee in charge of revenues.

He is a steady-as-it-goes gentleman, does not get riled, and works well with everyone, including members of the opposing party. He is a deliberate thinker, and despite being a bit shy (I hope he doesn't mind my saying so), he is resolute in pursuing what is best for our towns. I look forward to working with him next year.

His position on Ways and Means and mine on Public Works and Highways give our towns a lot of clout. I urge everyone to vote for David (District 25) and me (District 1) on Tuesday, November 4.

Mario Ratzki
State Representative,
Merrimack District 1

Common Sense in Concord

It has been my distinct honor to know Mario Ratzki since he wrote a letter to the editor of the Concord Monitor in 2012 stating he wanted to run for office to put some "common sense" back into the workings of the Legislature in Concord. This, coming at the end of the 2010 legislature, seemed a daunting task at best.

The first time I met Mario he asked if there was one overriding issue which, if corrected, might benefit the entire town. I mentioned that "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" would benefit the entire region, not just the Town of Salisbury. This is tax money owed by Massachusetts concerning the dams

on the Merrimack River which control the flooding of towns further south, thus saving millions of dollars in property damage and possible human lives.

Mario took this question, analyzed it, and drafted an equitable bill to get some legally owed money back to the towns and their people. This is a small example of Mario trying to do his best for his constituents.

I have found Mario to be very thoughtful and concerned for all the voters, regardless of party preference, as he wants to do the right thing. I was pleased to vote for Mario two years ago, and I am even happier that he decided to run for another term. I'm sure he will be even more effective now that he understands the job in clearer detail.

Ken Mailloux
Salisbury

Thanks for the Paving

Many thanks to Representative Mario Ratzki for recovering much-needed flood plain money and for the State Route 127 paving upgrades. Re-elect Mario on Tuesday, November 4!

Bob and Leslie Irving
Salisbury

Supporting Everyday People

We are residents of Danbury and are writing in support of Mario Ratzki's re-election as State Representative. We need more people like him in our local government. He works hard for the towns he represents. We love that Mario participated in a group to support broadband expansion. Yes, it is a work in progress, and we are rooting for it.

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

**On November 4th...
Please re-elect your two
representatives**

Mario Ratzki & David Karrick

Merrimack District 1

Merrimack District 25



We have worked hard for the residents of our towns, Mario on Public Works and Highways, and David on Ways and Means.

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**We respectfully ask for your vote on Nov. 4
Thank You!**

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Letters from page 8

Mario shows up in Danbury to support the everyday people of our town. He is paying attention. Whether you agree with each and every idea he has or not, you know that he is genuine and willing to listen and let ideas evolve. He supports Danbury businesses and Danbury people.

We are grateful for his service to this town and ask that you support his run for State Representative.

*Jane Melanson
Shelley Silver*
Danbury

They Listen to All Points of View

Danbury, Andover, and Salisbury have been very fortunate to have had Mario Ratzki and David Karrick as our representatives to the New Hampshire House these past two years, and we urge their re-election this November.

They both have been present at most, if not all, the public gatherings here in Danbury: Grange Fairs, our lecture series, Old Home Day celebrations, and public and private meetings of various groups. In all cases, they have listened to what their constituents said and have acted accordingly.

Our past experience here was that we saw our representative once, or maybe twice, before election day and not again until the next election cycle. If you want representatives who will listen to all points of view, weigh what they have heard, and then act in your town's interest, Mario and David deserve your vote.

*Donald and
Mary-Lou Hinman*
Danbury

Responsive to Our Needs

Last weekend was the 100th Grange Fair Day in Danbury. Mario Ratzki walked in the parade, ran in the bed race, and was probably present at several other events. The next day he came to our Old Home Day church service in

South Danbury.

Mario has helped us in our broadband expansion efforts, and he has been responsive to our needs, helping in any way that he can when called upon. It is wonderful to have a representative for Salisbury, Andover, and Danbury who gives so much time and attention to us, the smallest town of the three.

Ruby Hill
Danbury

Difficult Doing Business in NH

I am writing in support of Kathy Rago for State Senate, District 7. As a small business owner in the Lakes Region, I have found it becoming more difficult to do business in New Hampshire, with higher and higher fuel costs and the increasing fees that I am charged by the state for simply doing business here.

I was recently told by a former DOT worker that the highway fund would have plenty of money to fix our roads if our elected officials would stop siphoning the funds to use elsewhere. I don't believe that the 4% gas tax increase that her opponent, Andrew Hosmer, voted for was needed at all. To fix the roads, why don't we just stop taking funds from their intended use and start using taxpayer money wisely? And why not stop adding new taxes to cover the misuse of funds?

I trust an accountant and fiscal conservative with a background in budgeting to not play fast and loose with our hard-earned tax dollars. Please join me and vote for Kathy Rago on Tuesday, November 4.

Gary Auger
Lakes Region business owner

Kathy Rago: Overspending Must Stop!

Careful fiscal analysis, tough decisions

Kathy Rago
Candidate for State Senate

To the residents in District 7 (Gilford, Laconia, Belmont, Franklin, Northfield, Andover, Canterbury, Boscawen, Salisbury, and Webster):

I am running for State Senate because I believe that our state government needs capable people to provide careful fiscal analysis and a willingness to make tough decisions. As an accountant and a CPA, a prior House Representative, and a mom of three great kids, I know how important it is to create a careful budget and live within our means. According to multiple news sources, New Hampshire stands on the precipice of another \$100 million dollar shortfall due to overspending in Concord.

Since 2006 we have not only had three Democratic majorities but also severe overspending problems. It seems reasonable to assume that if re-elected, these same law makers will be incapable of living within the extremely accurate revenue projections provided to them and once again overspend your hard-earned money. No one thus far predicts that the current overspending will top that of the 2008-2010 bienium, when the Democratic majority overspent by approximately \$800 mil-

lion, but this must stop! Increasing the gas tax and other fees to try to offset this out-of-control spending is not right, and our taxpayers deserve better. Who will look out for the working families who are already struggling and hold Concord accountable? I will.

The first thing we will need to do is introduce careful cost reductions in all departments to stem the bleeding. But soon after, we will need to take actions to jump-start our economy to build a welcoming business environment, grow jobs, and get us out of this awful stagnation. When we, once again, welcome businesses to the state and when we provide an environment for businesses to grow, we will see more people hired and fewer having to leave our state to find suitable employment. How do we get there? We need to cut business taxes (currently third highest in the country), we need to reduce or eliminate burdensome regulations without jeopardizing safety or our environment, we need to get our energy costs under control, and finally we need to stop wasteful spending. (Perhaps you've heard me speak about the wasteful \$79,000 door in the statehouse?) But absolutely everything should be on the table for review to jump-start job growth in our state.

I ask for your vote on November 4 so we can once again place an "Open for Business" sign in New Hampshire.

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DEMOCRATS!

It's time to get out the vote.

Take your turn on November 4th and exercise your right to elect the people who represent you in local, state, and national government.

To register, sign up at your town office:

Andover: Mon/Wed. 9-2, Tues/Thu. 1:30-6:30, last Sat/month 9-12.

Danbury: Mon/Tues/Thu. 8-4, Wed 12:30-6:00, 3rd Sat/month 9-12.

Salisbury: Tues 4:30-8:30, Thu 2:30-6:00, 1st/3rd Sat/month 9-12.

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I respectfully ask for everyone's vote on November 4th.

Thank You!

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**Mario Ratzki Reports from
Concord: October 2014**

**State revenues
will fall short**

Mario Ratzki, NH representative

We had our last legislative session on September 17 to address the Governor's vetoes of three bills. A *two-thirds vote is necessary to overturn a veto*. A Yes vote was to overturn, a No vote to uphold.

HB 591, an anti-bullying bill which the Governor thought was written too broadly. Veto sustained by a vote of 141 Yes to 154 No.

HB 685, which dealt with proprietary information. Veto was sustained by a vote of 190 Yes to 113 No.

HB 1244, a bill allowing lottery winners to remain anonymous. Veto was sustained by a vote of 160 Yes to 142 No.

All three vetoes were upheld. I voted to overturn on HB 591 and sided with the Governor on HB 685 and HB 1244.

I do have some good news and some bad news.

First the bad news. I have it on good authority that 2014 state revenues will come in short of expectations. How much is not yet clear, but the state's budget for fiscal year 2015 is sure to be impacted, and not for the better. Official numbers will be available as of October 1.

The good news is that Senator Shaheen and Senator Ayotte were able to secure a \$25 million TIGER grant (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) from the federal Department of Transportation to go towards the replacement of the Sarah Long bridge in Portsmouth. With 6,000

jobs at stake at the naval shipyard, as well as the Portsmouth economy, this is a great windfall for our state and for the state of Maine, which is sharing the cost of the project with us.

Our federal dollars are coming back to New Hampshire. I want to congratulate both Senator Shaheen and Senator Ayotte: This is a perfect example of what bipartisan work can do.

Speaking of bridges, I am well aware of the condition of the bridge on Route 4 by Green Crow. Andover Town Administrator Marjorie Roy, the Board of Selectmen -- James Danforth, Duncan Coolidge, and Sophie Viandier -- state representative David Karrick, and I all approached the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) to be sure that repairs would be effective and timely.

I am happy to report that DOT is in the process of rehabilitating the bridge, a project that will probably take place in the next few weeks, weather permitting. The project, once finished, will give the bridge another 10 to 12 years and allow logging trucks to continue to use it.

This was not a scheduled project for DOT, and the department could have decided to defer it or down-post it, with just one lane of traffic. So when I am asked about the 4.2 cents road toll increase and what it is for, I say: Look no further than the Green Crow bridge right here in Andover, and the Highway 127 re-paving in Salisbury.

I also understand that DOT is looking at the bridge on Route 4 in Danbury by Huntoon Farm. More details to come.

POLICE BLOTTER

July 15 through
August 31, 2014

Press release

The Andover Police Department responded to 622 calls for service during the period of July 15 through August 31.

- Ambulance: 4
- Assist Citizen: 12
- Assist Motorist: 6
- Assist Police: 13
- Business Check: 16
- Dog Loose: 8
- House Check: 104
- Parking Violation: 12
- Pistol Permit: 6
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 8

- Suspicious Incident: 9
- Traffic Offense Citation: 16
- Traffic Offense Warnings: 321

Arrests

- Gary Lockrow, 28, Franklin: Theft
- Heather Michael, 31, Franklin: Operating After Suspension, second offense
- Mark Fuller, 31, Andover: Simple Assault x 2
- Chris Mahoney, 28, Northfield: Habitual Offender; Operating After Suspension, second offense
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- Chris Mahoney, 28, Northfield: Habitual Offender

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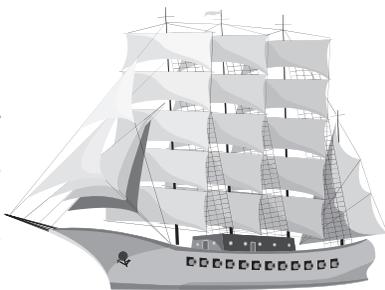
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Does Your Project Require a Building Permit?

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Jim Danforth, Andover Selectman

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- to ensure that the proposed project complies with the Town of Andover Zoning Ordinance
- to ensure that the assessors are aware of the potential change in property value caused by the construction activity
- to maintain an accurate record of all taxable events in the property inventory file

If you are considering any type of construction, chances are it will require that a building permit be issued before starting construction. New construction, additions, structural changes, decks, garden sheds, garages, temporary buildings, generators, swimming pools, and all other types of new construction, including alterations or modifications of existing structures, require a building permit. Removal of existing buildings and structures (including temporary buildings) also requires a permit.

Several types of construction are excluded from the building permit requirement, including fences, stonewalls, flagpoles, and playground equipment. Also excluded from the building permit requirement is repair and replacement of roofing, siding, windows, and doors when the repair or replacement is "in-kind." If you replace an asphalt shingle roof with a like asphalt shingle roof, then no permit is required. If you replace an asphalt shingle roof with a metal roof, then a permit is required.

The Town of Andover Board of

Selectmen have revised the application, the application process, the types of permits issued, and the fees for obtaining a building permit (which have been reduced). The Board of Selectmen and the Andover Planning Board have worked together to update the process, the policies, and the procedures for issuing building permits.

State law also requires that a building permit be issued before the start of any construction or demolition. The law also requires that construction conforms to the International Building Code. The State of New Hampshire places the responsibility to conform to International Building Code and other state statutes on the contractor or the property owner if the owner is doing the work himself or herself.

The property owner is also responsible for compliance with:

- shoreline protection (State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services)
- septic system requirements (State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services)
- all other State building requirements and/or agency administrative rules and wetland and floodplain requirements

Property owners who have started and/or completed a project without a building permit can obtain an "After the Fact" permit. The permit and process is the same as a standard building permit, with the exception of cost, which is twice the standard fee.

The Town of Andover is enforcing the building permit requirement. If you have a project started or completed and did not obtain a building permit, please do so right away.

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Press release

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Call 934-2060 ext. 8329 today to sign up for your free appointment. 

Safety is a State of Mind – Practice It!

Fire Prevention Week, October 5 through 11

Rene Lefebvre

Andover Fire Department Chief

October is a very nice time of the year. We all think of finishing the garden and getting it ready for next year. We are stacking wood and putting the toys of summer away. The air is cool, and we are able to get outside and just smell fall. We also know winter is coming; the beauty of October lets us prepare for cold, surrounded by the colors of foliage.

Fire Prevention Week also is an October event. It is a week when firefighters try to bring into our lives and homes a measure of safety.

Firefighters tend to be passionate about fire prevention and safety because they see firsthand the terrible destruction a fire can cause. We often struggle for many years with the memory of what we are called on to do as first responders. We are a team, and we work through our bad times together; however, we are also internally driven to safety and fire prevention. Let us help you.

It is easy to see how safety can become a state of mind. There are people who do very dangerous tasks every day without a single incident. Others you don't want to be near if they are holding a toothbrush.

Thinking safely is a conscious act at first, something that you have to force to the front of your mind. Make your day a little better by taking the time to prepare what you will need, so compromise and making do will not lead to disaster. Safety is lifestyle, planning, and being conscious of your surroundings.

After a while, you will notice when something is unsafe without giving it much thought. You will turn a boiling pot handle; move a can of paint thinner away from the edge of the workbench. Safety is not one big event; it is many little things we do that add up.

I have noticed that when three small, silly incidents come together, disaster is often the result. Each little incident by itself is often so insignificant that its passing is often unnoticed. Like a stack of old newspapers on the floor, followed by an unattended bad gasket on a wood stove, and a bit of draft from an open door. Perhaps a silly example, however it is one that happens all too often. Preventing any one factor will produce positive results and a safer home.

Move through your day with your mind at least aware of safety. Be aware of where you are and what is happening around you. Drive like your life depended on it. Spend a little time making your home a little safer; it doesn't take much. Make Fire Prevention Week work every day.

If you need help, please call us. 

-Presentation for Andover Residents-

Cancer Data and Statistics:

Results of investigation of a possible cancer cluster in Andover

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Panelists:

Brook Dupee, Chief, Bureau of Public Health Statistics and Informatics, Department of Health and Human Services,

Dr. Judy Rees, Director, New Hampshire State Cancer Registry, Assistant Professor, Dartmouth College

Tom Lambert, Chief, Health Statistics and Data Management, DHHS

Dr. Monawar Hosain - NH State Cancer Registry Epidemiologist

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The bridge over the Blackwater River on Route 4 near Plains Road and Green Crow has been one-lane-only for the past several weeks. DOT plans to close the bridge entirely sometime in October for extensive repairs, with traffic detoured over Town roads during the closure. Photo: Charlie Darling

Bridge on Route 4 May Be Closed in October

DOT plans extensive repairs near Green Crow

Andover Board of Selectmen

New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) has updated the Board of Selectmen on the status and schedule of repairs to the bridge over the Blackwater River on Route 4 near Plains Road and Green Crow.

DOT has yet to define the extent of repairs and how it affects the capacity of this bridge for legal loads. DOT has determined the need for full bridge closure during part of the repairs and the possibility of the Town allowing the use of Plains Road as a temporary detour,

including trucks, during the full bridge closure. DOT will meet with the Selectmen during the next couple of weeks to review the overall project and schedule.

Bridge Maintenance, a division of DOT, has mobilized some staff to begin setting up the site to get ready for jacking operations to temporarily support the bridge (one side at a time) while the repairs are performed. They are also procuring materials so that they can be brought to the site prior to any bridge closure being put into effect, tentatively scheduled for mid-October.

This information was provided by Mark Richardson, PE, Administrator, Bridge Design Bureau.

Town Clerk's Office Closed on October 17

New license plate type in effect

Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk

On July 28, Senate Bill 231, relative to the regulation of tractors and low-speed utility vehicles, was passed into law. This law took effect upon passing.

Per the new law the following definitions were created:

259:2-a Agricultural/Industrial Utility Vehicle. "Agricultural/industrial utility vehicle" shall mean a vehicle, including an off road highway recreational vehicle, with four or six wheels, an internal combustion engine or electric motor or both, but excluding a tractor, equipped in accordance with the provisions of RSA 261:41-a III, that is capable of carrying no more than six occupants, has a load capacity of 1,500 pounds or less, and is in use for farming, agricultural, or light industrial uses, and is limited to ways or portions of ways where such vehicles are allowed and having posted speed limits of 40 miles per hour or less, within a 10-mile radius from an entrance to land used by the farm or a two-mile radius from the entrance to the light industrial complex or construction

site, and subject to any other special conditions established by the government authority controlling the way.

259:49-a Light Industrial Use. "Light industrial use" shall mean manufacturing and distribution of products for wholesale or retail use where the operation includes the need to access contiguous or nearby warehouses, showrooms, construction sites, or manufacturing facilities, including crossing a way or portion of a way or driving on a way where the route or crossing is approved by the government authority controlling the way.

So how will this affect you? If you currently have a plate type of Tractor, you will need to come into the office to renew your registration so we can determine what type of vehicle you really have: 1. A farm tractor. 2. A tractor that isn't being used for farm/agricultural purposes. 3. An Agricultural/Industrial utility vehicle which will now receive special plates.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on Friday, October 17, so that we can attend the City and Town Clerks' Annual Conference in North Conway.

Selectmen's Report on the State of Town Bridges

Setting aside money for future repairs

Andover Board of Selectmen

The Town of Andover owns 20 bridges. The Board of Selectmen is addressing our bridge issues by establishing accounts to save money for future repairs and by saving money by grouping bridge repairs together. The Board of Selectmen has been pushing the Department of Transportation for a new estimate of cost for the Lawrence Street Bridge and to see what design changes can be made to reduce the overall cost of the project.

Bridges that are Closed

- Gale Road: DOT's best-guess estimate of \$20,000 will be in the proposed Town budget for 2015.
- Cilleyville-Bog Bridge: \$5,000 in reserve fund for maintenance
- Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club Road: No action required
- Valley Road (Tucker Brook): No action required
- Hoyt Road (Sucker Brook): No action required

Bridges to Repair

NH DOT's best-guess estimate for each one of these projects is \$50,000.

- Kearsarge Mountain Road: Guard rails and new decking
- Hall Road: New decking

- Elbow Pond Road: New decking
- Valley Road (Sucker Brook): New decking
- Last Street: New decking

Bridges to Replace

- Lawrence Street (Blackwater): Full replacement. DOT's estimate of \$5 million is based on its review of plans that are over five years old. The Board of Selectmen has requested an updated estimate.
- Morrill Hill Road: Full replacement. DOT estimate: \$750,000. This project is awaiting state funding. Andover has paid its portion, and the project was approved for 2010. However, under-funding of DOT's 10-year plan has deferred this project to an unknown year.

Other Bridges

- Cilleyville Road (Blackwater): No reported issues
- Bridge Street (Blackwater): No reported issues
- Bradley Lake Road (Hames Shop): No reported issues
- Bradley Lake Road (Dam): No reported issues
- Maple Street (Rail Trail): Weight limit of six tons, no planned repairs
- Maple Street (Dam): No reported issues
- Dyers Crossing Road: No reported issues

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TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Board Of Selectmen

August 4

Condensed from approved minutes

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

Three police cruiser bids were opened, and George French Sr. won the bid for \$350.

Road Agent

Road Agent John Thompson reported the following:

No new work orders to submit. All sweeping completed.

John met on drainage issue on Switch Road with Lou Caron, engineer. Lou said he will need to get the soil science, and he spoke with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) about the wetlands. Rick Lepene from Granite State Engineering will submit a proposal for a closed drain system.

John received a proposal from Chris Aiken on roadside mowing. John requested a written proposal from Jim Shaw for roadside mowing.

Letters to residents on Hoyt Road notifying them of the planned turnaround at the top of the road are ready to be mailed.

John Thompson said he began excavating, ditching, and grader work on Flaghole Road.

Calcium needs to be put down at Transfer Station to keep dust to a minimum.

John Thompson mentioned that the gate at the Transfer Station is at the wrong angle for construction vehicles.

Selectmen Danforth mentioned that the shrubs on Maple Street are causing a blind spot when coming from Tucker Mountain Road. Jim and John discussed a road trip to see who owns the shrubs.

Selectwomen Viandier asked if Belletetes would be able to do the retrofit for the Transfer Station building on their Community Service Day.

Lenny Caron

Lenny Caron came in to discuss the

complaint that was filed by the Board of Selectmen with the DES. Lenny said that they didn't find any hazardous waste on his Depot Street property. Lenny was also wondering why the Selectmen didn't ask him directly about the matter.

Selectmen Danforth explained that selectmen are required to turn any investigative issues over to the appropriate agencies, in this case the DES. DES doesn't allow the Selectmen to question or pass judgment on those types of things with property owners. The reason it was brought to the State was due to a complaint, and then the State makes an impartial decision on the results found.

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station rules and regulations have been the same since 1999. Changes needed are:

- Maximum size for hopper not greater than 4' x 4' x 3'
- Section 6: add "unless approved by attendant"
- Section 7: add "large metal less than 75 lbs."
- Toilets fall under Construction and Debris
- Any lumber needs to go in Construction and Debris, not the burn pile, even if it's not treated.
- Section 4: need to change to "Commercial Haulers need to apply by filling out a form in the Town Office for permission."
- Section 10: need to get fines in place.

Town Administrator Report

Marj Roy reported the following. Police detail fees need to be increased, and Selectmen Danforth suggested 20%.

The Town Treasurer has set up bank accounts for Police, Recreation, Ambulance at the bank.

The new Town Web site at Andover.NH.us will be live on August 6, and we See Selectmen on page 15

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

Bachelor Library:
Tues, 9-12:30 & 6:30-8:30
Thu, 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5

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

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

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted

Board of Selectmen:
1st & 3rd Mon, 6

Planning Board: 2nd & 4th Tue, 7

Zoning Board of Adjustment:
3rd Tue, 7

Conservation: 2nd Wed, 7:30

Recreation Comm: 2nd Tues, 7,
AE/MS Science Room

Library Trustees: 3rd Thu, 7
(except Jul & Aug), Andover
Library or Bachelor Library

Fourth of July: 1st Wed (Feb-Jun
& Aug), Andover Fire Station, 7

Andover 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!

OCTOBER

- 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
- 11: 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
- 20: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 20: Fire Department Training, 7
- 21: Building Permits, 6-7
- 21: Zoning Board, 7
- 23: Library Trustees, 7
- 28: Building Permits, 6-7
- 28: Planning Board, 7

NOVEMBER

- 3: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 3: Fire Dept Business Meeting, 7
- 4: Building Permits, 6-7
- 4: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 11: Building Permits, 6-7
- 11: Planning Board, 7
- 11: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7
- 11: Andover EMS,
East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 12: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 17: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 17: Fire Department Training, 7
- 18: Building Permits, 6-7
- 18: Zoning Board, 7
- 20: Library Trustees, 7
- 25: Building Permits, 6-7
- 25: Planning Board, 7

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The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse in winter, from an old photo in the Andover Historical Society's archives. The large farm down the road is a Hersey farm. Can any readers suggest when this photo might have been taken, or provide any information about the Hersey farm?

Last Open House of the Year at Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse

Join the sing-along on October 12

Donna Baker-Hartwell
Andover Historical Society

The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse will be holding its last open house of the year on Sunday, October 12, from 1 to 3 PM. Private visits may be scheduled by contacting Donna Baker-Hartwell at 735-5586 or Pat Cutter at 735-5628.

The 17 or so one-room schoolhouses that were once scattered across Andover were not only used for education, but they provided a place for the neighborhood to gather. It has been written that Bible studies, candy-pulls,

socials, and other meetings were held within them.

On Sunday, October 12, we are planning to hold a sing-along in the Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse. Visitors of all ages are welcome. Margo Coolidge will lead the sing along, joined by other local musicians. Other musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and join in. Songbooks of traditional music will be provided. Homemade cookies and apple cider will be served.

The 2015 Andover Historical Society calendar, East Andover Remembered, will be on sale for \$10. Be sure to purchase your calendar, and consider the calendar for holiday gifts.

Selectmen from page 14

will be maintaining any updates on an as-needed basis.

Cemetery Trustees will be at the next Selectmen meeting.

John Cotton finished the permit forms on the old landfill with five different wells. A very large "Thank You!" to John for many hours of work on this project.

Municipal Accounting brief synopsis: Marj read the description and described Fund Accounting, Government Funds, Proprietary Funds, the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, Trustee of Trust Funds, and Debt Service for long-term debts. Marj explained that most businesses use accrual basis to show expenses or revenue, but that is not how government accounting accounts for profit or loss.

Marj discussed the preview of assessing bid documents, and Selectmen Danforth suggested that we have a scoring sheet before we accept bids.

Correspondence and Signatures

Two Intents to Cut on Emery Road and on Ragged Mountain, both signed by Selectmen.

Two Timber Tax bills were signed by all Selectmen.

Manifest signed by all Selectmen.

Marj let the Selectmen know that a form has been established for people to fill out when they want to see any files in regard to properties.

School Board

August 5

Condensed from approved minutes

Board present: Michelle Dudek, Don Gould, Anne Swayze, and Kent Armstrong (via electronic device)

Administration present: Mark MacLean, Christine Barry, Robin Heins, Kathleen Boucher, Jane Slayton, and Judith Turk

Public present: None

Interviews of Board Member Candidates: Three candidates were interviewed by the Andover School Board (ASB).

Energy Connection with Facility Study: The Board will invite the EII Consultant to return on September 2 for follow-up dialogue to their previous presentation.

Middle School Sports: The Board agreed to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Andover participation in Merrimack Valley School District sports.

Flaghole Road Bus Stop: A student will be picked up by a separate bus driver at the beginning of their route. The plan will be finalized, and Jane will contact the parent.

Don made the motion to nominate Brittany Fournier as Music teacher of AE/MS for the 2014-15 school year. Anne made the second. All were in favor and the motion was approved by the three present ASB members.

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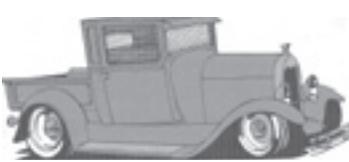
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Donation to Historical Society Reveals Destruction in Andover

Flood of 1927 washed out train tracks

Rita Norander
Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society was the recent recipient of a gift which offered an unexpected snapshot view into the past – 1927 to be exact. The gift was actually a group of five small photographs donated by Winifred Little Williams via Florence Gove. “The Flood of 1927” is noted on the back of the photos.

One of the pictures is marked as being in the area of the Andover Railroad Depot, near present-day Blackwater Park, where 3.5 miles of track were washed out and 2.5 feet of water flooded

the train station. The Historical Society is pleased and grateful to receive these photos and will preserve this glimpse into the past for the benefit of all.

This gift is a good example of how you, too, can help the Historical Society by making similar donations of older photographs of people, places, or things pertaining to the town of Andover. If you can't bear to part with your pictures – and I don't blame you – how about allowing the Society to copy your photos? Your copies will be added to the Historical Society's collection, where they will be safe, preserved, and available for present and the future generations to enjoy.

For more information, contact Pat Cutter at Pres@AndoverHistory.org.

Andover Historical Society Meeting Features Steve Taylor

Talk on the Great Sheep Boom on October 16

Press release

The Andover Historical Society will be hosting Steve Taylor as our fall speaker at the Society's annual meeting at 7 PM on Thursday, October 16, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. His topic will be *The Great Sheep Boom and Its Enduring Legacy on the New Hampshire Landscape*.

Prior to the talk, there will be a brief meeting to present and approve next year's slate of trustees.

Here is an overview of Steve's talk: “In a brief 30-year period in the early 19th century, the New Hampshire landscape became home to hundreds of

thousands of sheep. Production of wool became a lucrative business, generating fortunes and providing the only time of true agricultural prosperity in the state's history. It left behind a legacy of fine architecture and thousands of miles of rugged stone walls.

“Steve Taylor discusses how farmers overcame enormous challenges to make sheep husbandry succeed and how forces from beyond New Hampshire were to doom the industry with social consequences that would last a century.”

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Fifty Years Ago in Andover: October 1964

Plans for Ragged Mountain Ski Area revealed

Here's some old news from the Andover, East Andover, West Andover, Potter Place, and Cilleyville "gossip" columns of the Franklin Journal Transcript, selected by Heather Makechnie.
October 1, 1964

Paul Jurta has a new 1965 Dodge truck. Paul is getting it ready for plowing on the State Highways later on.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Keyser of the Flaghole Road on the birth of a daughter born Sunday, September 27, at the Concord hospital. The baby weighed six pounds and fourteen ounces and will be home with her brother, John and Kim Keyser on the weekend.

Richard Shaw of Dyers Crossing had the misfortune of having the truck he was parking at his home go out of gear, and it rolled over one leg. He was rushed to Franklin Hospital.

Andover School News: Brenda Dukette was chosen captain of the cheerleaders and Kathy Sharkey co-captain for the year, with Mr. Feuerstein as their advisor. The nine cheerleaders are: 8th grade – Ellen Charles, Cheryl Downs, Constance Powers, Brenda Dukette, Ann Richards, and Rebecca Jewett. (Calista Miller was also chosen, but had to give up due to moving to Franklin.) 7th graders – Donna Keyser and Kathy Sharkey.
October 8, 1964

Andover Lions meeting was held at Potter Place Inn on September 28. Guest speaker for the evening was Robert Bibeau, Executive Vice-President and Treasurer of the Iona Savings Bank in Tilton. His subject was Ragged Mountain Ski Area in Danbury, which will be open this winter. The State is building 6/10 mile of new road off Route 104 to the area. Ten acres of slope will be open this winter, and 40 acres of the area has been graded and seeded. It will have a 4,500-foot double chair-lift, and its longest ski trail will be almost 1.5 miles long. \$400,000 will be spent to get started, and \$150,000 was raised by selling stock. \$67,000 will be spent on the base lodge this year. In the future, they hope to sell lots to private individuals to build chalets.

Andover firemen and trucks were called to the home of Mrs. Gardner Provost on Saturday to put out a fire there. They found Mrs Provost and her friend unconscious due to smoke.

A Firemen's Auxiliary has been started in Andover. At their recent meeting, officers elected were President Virginia Hutchinson, Vice-President Fannie Morrill, Secretary and Treasurer Tay Clark.

Ocean-fresh live lobsters are 79 cents a pound this week at your friendly Champagne's Grand Union supermarket in Franklin.

West Side Story, a modern day Romeo and Juliet, will be showing at Weirs Drive-In on Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10. The winner of 10 Academy Awards, it stars Natalie Wood, with George Chakiris and Rita Moreno, in Technicolor.

October 15, 1964

If you were out hunting the early part of the week up in old Hill Village and found a considerable amount of beer, cigarettes, and potato chips stashed away at the side of an old road, better check with the Franklin police. The loot was the biggest part taken early Sunday morning from George Brouther's Shop and Stop Store in East Andover, worth about \$125. Five young men from East Andover and Franklin have been taken into custody, arraigned, and bound over to Superior Court to face charges of breaking and entering. Chief of Police John P. Carey urges you to turn in any stolen goods you may have found (the police have the license numbers of a few cars seen in the area) to avoid future trouble.

A practice Civil Defense alert was held on Monday, October 12, with students keeping track of how long it took them to reach home after having been dismissed from the school.

JJ Newberrys in Franklin is selling men's hooded sweatshirts for \$1.88 a piece this week during their anniversary sale.

Open House in the Weathered Cottage Gallery in East Andover attracted a steady stream of delighted visitors over the past weekend during its open house. Violet Grant, artist and owner, Betty Jean Bassett, Gracia Snyder, Ethel Lindley, Florence Thompson, and Annaleida Vant Hoff exhibited. Mrs. Bruce Smith of New London assisted. All paintings priced for sale. The Gallery is now a permanent art spot in town.

October 29, 1964

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Prescott of Andover have announced the engagement of their daughter Wanda Louise Prescott to Gerald Rodney Smith, son
See 50 Years Ago on page 18



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Moved cross-country in 1930

Lindy Heim
Wilmot Historical Society

The Wilmot Historical Society interviewed 90-year-old Jack McAuliffe in mid-September, learning more about what life was like in our area in the 1930s and 1940s than the Society's members knew beforehand, thanks to Jack's sharp memory and keen storytelling skills.

growing up in the area emerged, starting with Jack's 1930 move cross-country in a 1926 Nash when he was 6 years old. The family left Owensmouth, California, to settle on a Stearns Road farm in North Wilmot that his dad bought out of foreclosure.

After the purposely drawn-out trip of sightseeing and camping along the way, Jack was happy to begin his schooling at the White Pond School (North Wilmot School) at which nine students were enrolled, three of which were in

his first grade class. Liz Kirby, Jackie and Chuck Thompson, and I listened intently as Jack talked of his teacher, Annie Whittemore, who was Liz and Chuck's mother. She was only 20 years old at the time and fresh out of teaching school in Keene.

Younger kids "learned up" from the older kids, according to Jack, while Miss Whittemore traveled between kids, giving assignments in numerous subjects including general science, civics, geography, and penmanship. Games played at school included Blind Man's Bluff and Drop the Handkerchief.

He also talked of using crank telephones operating on shared lines that allowed everyone to hear conversations. Gossip was thrilling entertainment. Callers were easily identified by their combination of short and long cranks, the equivalent of our modern telephone numbers.

You, too, will be able to enjoy Jack's reminiscences later this fall when the Wilmot Historical Society hosts its annual meeting on Sunday, November 2, at the Wilmot Community Association's Red Barn.



Jack McAuliffe, 90, attended Andover High School in the '40s. Photo: Lindy Heim

Jack received his early education in country schoolhouses and high school in Andover with Walter Walker of Wilmot and Perley Ordway of East Andover, two friends with whom he still keeps in touch.

The recorded session and luncheon turned into a love-fest as details of

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of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith of South Danbury. Miss Prescott is a graduate of Franklin High School with the class of 1963 and is employed as office girl at Franklin Hospital. Mr. Smith graduated New London High School in 1963 and is employed at Benson Auto Shop in Franklin.

Teresa Lordon has electricity in her home now. The new line has been put in from part of Beech Hill beyond the covered bridge where Teresa lives. Three other homes are being built on the Lordon Homestead land and will have electricity, too. There has never been any electricity on that road, so it is

a thrill to them all.

At the primary election, Victor E. Phelps and John Maquire came in to tie for Representative for the Town of Andover. A drawing was held at the Secretary of State office in Concord recently, and Victor E. Phelps's name was drawn.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. James Minard on the birth of a son at the New London Hospital on October 24 named Darrell, weighing six pounds, seven ounces.

The Pink Panther is showing this week at the Regal in Franklin, starring David Niven, Peter Sellers, and Robert Wagner. "You only live once, so see *The Pink Panther* twice!"

Andover News, 24x7

Did you know that many of the articles in this issue have been available at AndoverBeacon.com for two or three weeks? Check the latest news at AndoverBeacon.com every day!

Andover Naturally: Four Minutes from Caterpillar to Cocoon

Monarch butterflies and a lunar eclipse

Lee Carvalho, for the Beacon

In mid-September I witnessed a transformation so extraordinary, miraculous, and surprising that I am still in awe. In just four minutes I watched a monarch change from a dangling, J-

were on display; it was both humbling and exciting.

How many monarch butterflies have you seen this summer and fall? I've been asking everyone that question lately because of my concern for the species. As of this writing in mid-September, I have seen only six, a worrisome change from past years when roadsides and meadows were filled with the lovely orange and black fliers.

According to renowned monarch scientist Lincoln Brower, "Monarchs are in a deadly free fall, and the threats they face are now so large in scale that Endangered Species Act protection is needed sooner rather than later, while there is still time to reverse the severe decline in the heart of their range."

Scientists agree that the monarch's 90% decline over the past 20 years is due to the widespread planting of genetically engineered crops in the Midwest, where most monarchs are

born. Those crops, mostly corn and soybeans, are engineered to be resistant to Monsanto's Roundup herbicide. Farmers control weeds by treating croplands with Roundup, which then wipes out nearby milkweed plants, the monarch caterpillar's only food.

How is it that farming practices far away affect the local monarch population, you might wonder? Let's review the monarch's life cycle.

The butterflies that you see in September will fly from New Hampshire to the Oyamel fir forest in northern Mexico, where they spend the winter. In March, those same butterflies begin the return journey, stopping to lay eggs on the first milkweed they find; and then they die.

Why milkweed? Because when the tiny black and yellow striped caterpillars hatch, milkweed is the only food they can eat. The caterpillars eat, grow, shed their skin, and repeat that process for weeks until they

are large enough to pupate. They spin silk to attach themselves to the underside of a leaf, curl into a J-shape, and eventually form a chrysalis.

Soon the familiar butterfly emerges and flies north, relying on nectar from flowering plants for sustenance. This process repeats for several generations over the summer; in fact, it is the great-



From each one of these chrysalises...

shaped, black and yellow caterpillar into a green shell-like chrysalis speckled with gold trim. In those four minutes, the drama and complexity of life



... comes a beautiful monarch butterfly like this one. Photos: Lee Carvalho

great-grandchildren of our original butterflies that will make the journey to Mexico the following fall.

Not long ago, it was easy to find a monarch caterpillar, bring it inside, and fashion a cage for it using a huge jar or old fish tank. Simply supplying that caterpillar with fresh milkweed leaves daily and cleaning the waste from the bottom of the cage allows you to watch the miracle of transformation.

What better way is there to inspire an interest in and understanding of the natural world for the children in your life? How sad it is to think that this opportunity may no longer exist for our children and their children.

In Canterbury, Donna Miller is demonstrating a commitment to monarchs that shows how the rest of us can get involved. She and her husband Jim have transformed their wooded property into a garden paradise, home of her business Petals in the Pines (PetalsInThePines.com). Donna sells flowers cut from her vast collection, offers tours of the many themed gardens, organizes garden-theme children's birthday parties and workshops, and teaches classes on making leaf stone bird baths. I learned about all these activities on the day I visited to see her monarchs.

At her farm, Donna has a "monarch maternity ward" – a garden area loaded with milkweed. She has planted flowers that monarchs love, encouraging them to visit her property and providing necessary nectar for the newly-emerging butterflies and thereby establishing her yard as an official Monarch Way Station. These are steps we can all take.

Donna is also helping scientists collect migration data by tagging her butterflies. She presses a tiny adhesive numbered dot on the monarch's wing before it flies.

If you have milkweed on your property, don't pull it up! Plant the flowers that butterflies love: Joe-Pye weed, coneflower, zinnia, sedum,

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Festive in Death, JD Robb
The Eye of Heaven, Clive Cussler
Stone Cold, CJ Box
Shots Fired, CJ Box
The River, Beverly Lewis
Love Letters, Debbie Macomber
Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good, Jan Karon
Edge of Eternity, Ken Follett
Mean Streak, Sandra Brown

Adult Non-Fiction

The Baby Chase,
 Leslie Morgan Steiner
Rare Bird, Anna Whiston-Donaldson

Children's Titles

Survivors: A Hidden Enemy,
 Erin Hunter
Survivors: Darkness Falls,
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45 Pounds (More or Less),
 KA Barson
Katfish, Obert Skye
Percy Jackson's Greek Gods,
 Rick Riordan
One-Handed Catch, MJ Auch
The Expeditioners Book #2,
 SS Taylor
Island of Legends, Lisa McMann
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The Long Haul, Jeff Kinney

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Bachelder Library Adds Thursday Afternoon Hours

Open after school
until 5 PM

Gail Fitzpatrick, Bachelder Librarian

The Bachelder Library in East Andover is adding after school hours on Thursdays, starting on Thursday, October 9. The library will be open from 2:45 until 5 PM and is available by school bus from AE/MS for students in

grades five through eight. Students using the bus will need parental permission through the school office.

We're hoping these extra hours will give students and families more time to use our library for schoolwork, finding books, or just doing their homework.

Our evening hours on Thursdays will remain the same: 6:30 to 8:30 PM.



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black-eyed Susan, bee balm, coreopsis, liatris, aster, and butterfly weed, among others.

As a special treat for the children in your life, consider ordering a batch of monarch caterpillars next summer from MonarchWatch.org so you can enjoy the thrill of metamorphosis together. You might even offer to sponsor a monarch experience in your local elementary school.

Exactly 100 years ago, the very last passenger pigeon died, a species that was possibly the most abundant bird

ever. If we humans have learned anything since that extinction, it should be that timely conservation action can work; peregrine falcons, California condors, and bald eagles are proof. Let us all do what we can to protect nature's bounty.

Lunar Eclipse on October 8

Another treat from the natural world is a total lunar eclipse. If the weather cooperates you should be able to view one between 6:25 and 7:24 AM on Wednesday, October 8. A pair of binoculars will add some detail of the moon's surface. There is no danger in looking directly at a lunar eclipse.



Through the Reading Glasses, October 2014

Janet Moore,
Andover Libraries trustee

With the advent of autumn, it's worth noting the arrival of Shaun Tan's new picture book, *Rules of Summer*. In his typical, almost surreal and color-filled paintings, he depicts the relationship of two brothers and the consequences of not following the rules laid down by the older one, of course. "Never leave the back door open at night," for example, yields a room filled with fantastical flora and fauna, while eating "...the last olive" produces an incredible result; just look for yourself. Also try his books *The Arrival* and *Lost and Found*.

Back Channel: A Novel by Stephen Carter of *The Emperor of Ocean Park* fame, sets us up for October, that long ago October of 1962, also known as the Cuban Missile Crisis. Margo Jensen, a well-educated, well-brought up college student at Cornell, is recruited by

the Russians, with the complicity of the National Security Service, to participate in behind-the-scenes negotiations between Kennedy and Khrushchev.

Finally, I highly recommend Jo Nesbo's police procedurals involving Detective Inspector Harry Hole. Set in Oslo, some during the dreadfully dark and dreary winters, the stories illuminate Hole's battle with alcoholism as he confronts the down and dirty of Norwegian society. Listening during commuter times certainly makes the drive more interesting, and the bonus of hearing a variety of accents and languages makes each character come to life.

You can order these books and CDs through InterLibrary Loan if they're not currently available in Andover. Just ask librarians Priscilla Poulin or Gail Fitzpatrick, and the material will be in your hands before you turn the next page. Happy reading!



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Sailors From USS Kearsarge Climb the Mountain

Spend the afternoon improving trails

Press release

A light fog slowly lifted from the summit of Mount Kearsarge in Warner as 20 sailors and others began their ascent. Crew members from the US Navy ship the USS Kearsarge had traveled from their home port in Virginia to climb the mountain of their ship's namesake. When they reached the top, they proudly flew their ship's flag alongside the Stars and Stripes. The gusty wind slapped and billowed

the flags and tried to steal the sailors' caps.

After enjoying the panoramic view from the summit and the fire tower, the crew sure-footedly made their way down the mountain and spent the afternoon clearing brush from various overlooks to open up the vistas.

The townsfolk of Warner warmly welcomed the sailors with souvenir gift bags, tours, and sumptuous meals. Nearly 100 people enjoyed a town-wide pot luck dinner and an opportunity to meet the crew. The after-dinner program consisted of an exchange of



Sailors from the USS Kearsarge climbed the Warner side of the mountain on September 11.

gifts and a slide presentation about the mountain and the ship.

Meals for the sailors during their two-day visit were provided by the town's selectmen, Sugar River Bank, local restaurants, Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce, and Warner's American Legion Post 39.

"The visit went splendidly," said Graham Gifford, president of the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce and organizer of the event. "Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time, and the community was very friendly and inviting. They got a good sense that there's a lot

going on in Warner. Many of these sailors were from large cities like Dallas, and they were impressed and pleasantly surprised by all we have in this town, like art, music, a bookstore, museums, and restaurants."

The crew members left Warner with an oak sapling from the mountain, a proclamation of USS Kearsarge Day, souvenirs, photos, and memories of their two days in New Hampshire. Town residents are grateful for the work the crew completed, the gift of the USS Kearsarge flag, and the joy of acquiring many new friends.



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Raven Gregg of Chester, New Hampshire, displays the beautiful quilt that won her two prizes at The Constant Quilter shop in Andover. Her quilt was part of a nationwide, summer-long event known as the Row by Row Experience. Free patterns were given out by participating quilt shops, with each pattern designed to make one row in a quilt. Quilters were encouraged to design and complete a quilt using at least eight of these row patterns.

Tenth Annual New Hampshire Quilters' Harvest Hop

October 16 through 18, 9 AM to 6 PM

Press release

The Tenth Annual New Hampshire Quilters' Harvest Hop will be here from Thursday, October 16 through Saturday, October 18, from 9 AM to 6 PM each day. Participating this year are:

- The Constant Quilter, Andover, 735-4100
- The Quilting Corner, Tilton, 286-3437
- North Country Quilters, Plymouth, 536-6320
- The Quilters Workshop, Newport, 863-7888
- Pine Tree Quilt Shop, Salem, 870-8100
- Stitched in Stone, Kingston, 642-4220

Register for a one-of-a-kind fall shop hopping experience at one of the participating quilt shops listed above. Your

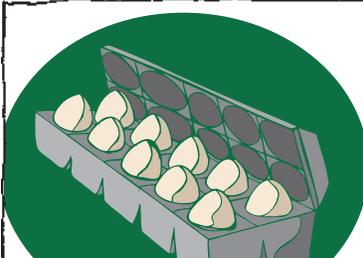
\$8 registration fee gets you a shop hop guide with passport and a "Sunrise Sunset" quilt pattern, which is designed to be made with half-yard pieces of fabric.

When you visit each shop and have your passport stamped, you will receive a half-yard of fabric and your name will be entered into a daily door prize drawing. Refreshments will be served at each of the shops.

Completed passports will be entered into Grand Prize drawings for a Baby Lock Sewing Machine, a TrueCut Master Cutting Combo, and a selection of books from That Patchwork Place. Everyone who completes the hop will receive a tape measure as a "Thank you" gift. Visit us at NHShopHops.com.

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“Circle and Sphere” Contest Winners to be Announced

October 3 at 5:30 PM
in New London

Press release

The community is invited to the Lake Sunapee Region Center for the Arts (CFA) First Friday event from 5:30 to 7 PM at the Lake Sunapee Bank at 321 Main Street in New London. The evening’s program will announce the winners of the “Circles and Spheres” writing contest.

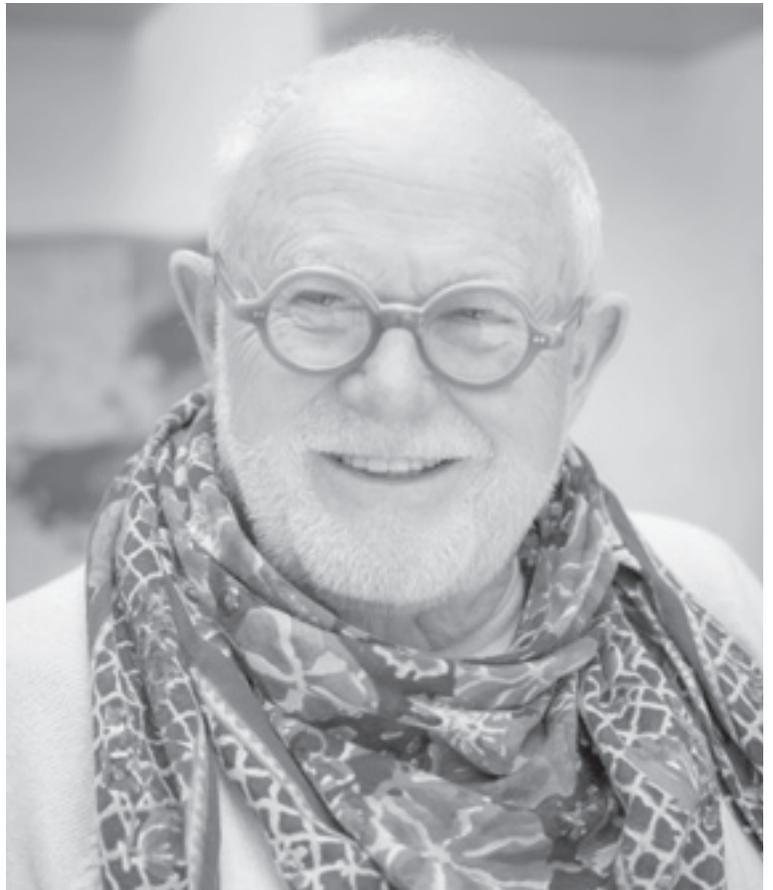
Talented musician Jim Sims will begin the evening with background music as attendees enjoy viewing the photos created by LB Chase of Andover. During the evening, Jim will entertain the audience with three special musical pieces, including an audience favorite, All Life is a Circle.

Larry Chase’s collection of 12 photos known as “Circles and Spheres” are scenes from everyday life. The photos have provided the writing prompts for this contest. Participants were asked to

respond to the “Circles and Spheres” collection, either individually or as a whole, and to create one page of prose or poetry. The winners of this writing contest will be announced this evening.

Joan Doran, chairman of the Literary Arts Guild of the Center for the Arts, will introduce Laurie Zimmerman of Andover, a faculty member at Proctor Academy, who has graciously offered to select the winners. Each winner will then be invited to read their winning entry. Following the program, light refreshments will be served.

It is also time to thank the folks who made this creative writing competition possible. A thank-you goes to Larry Chase for donating the photo collection to the Center for the Arts. A thank-you to the Tatewell Gallery who matted and framed each of the 12 photos at no cost to CFA, and a thank-you also goes to the supporter of the arts who funded the evening’s program booklet and wishes to remain anonymous.



Tomie dePaola celebrates his 80th birthday with a second exhibition at Colby-Sawyer College from September 19 through October 26.

Colby-Sawyer Celebrates Tomie DePaola’s 80th

Exhibition runs
through October 26

Press release

Colby-Sawyer College will celebrate the career, creativity, and generosity of former faculty member Tomie dePaola, one of the world’s most prolific and popular children’s authors and illustrators, in the second of two exhibitions at the Sawyer Fine and Performing Arts Center, Tomie dePaola: NOW.

dePaola is perhaps best known for creating the eponymous pasta maker in *Strega Nona*, a picture book that garnered a Caldecott Honor Award in 1976, but he has published nearly 250 books and sold some 15 million copies. NOW will include many of his familiar children’s book illustrations, which have earned him awards including the 2011 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award for making a “significant and lasting contribution to children’s literature.”

The NOW exhibition this fall will coincide with the New London resident’s 80th birthday and highlight his career from 1975 to the present with fine art and book illustrations. NOW will also feature many of dePaola’s paintings, which he shows at galleries. He draws inspiration from Mexican folk art, Catholic iconography, and the artists he studied in the

1950s at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. THEN, held last fall, featured dePaola’s early drawings, paintings, and books, along with images of his costume and set designs, from the late 1940s until the mid-1970s.

Tomie dePaola: NOW will open on September 19 with a reception sponsored by Ledyard Bank from 5 to 7 PM in the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery in the Sawyer Fine and Performing Arts Center. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

The exhibition will run through October 26. The gallery hours through October 26 are Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 7 PM; Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM; and Sunday, 1 to 4 PM.

A second free event open to the public, In the Gallery with Tomie, will take place on Saturday, September 20, in the Marian Graves Mugar Art Gallery in the Sawyer Fine and Performing Arts Center from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. dePaola’s younger fans, their families, and friends are invited to a gallery talk, Q&A session, and book signing. Books will be available for purchase on-site from Morgan Hill Bookstore.

It will be a busy fall at Colby-Sawyer for dePaola – in addition to opening NOW, he will design the set for the Fine and Performing Arts Department’s fall production of Oscar Wilde’s *The Importance of Being Earnest*. The play will run from November 6 through 8 at the Sawyer Center. Visit Colby-Sawyer.edu/events for more details.

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Andover Teams Gearing Up for Making Strides in Concord

Join the fundraiser on October 19!

Kimberly Laro, Volunteer Director

October is here, and in addition to all the wonderful things that fall brings, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was founded in 1985 to promote mammography as the most effective weapon in the fight against breast cancer. In the almost 30 years since, it has served its purpose well.

I believe people are very aware of the importance of early detection, but time and time again, I hear women making excuses. They are afraid it will hurt; they have never had a mammogram and are scared of the procedure.

These excuses seems a bit light to me. Compared to many other invasive medical procedures women deal with, a mammogram is a simple, quick screening. Heck, I think I'd rather have a mammogram than go to the dentist.

An even more common excuse is, "I don't have time." If you don't have time for the screening, I'm a bit concerned how cancer might cramp your schedule. This may seem a bit harsh, but the reality of breast cancer is real.

The statistics show that one in eight women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in their lifetime. With those kind of stats, why would anyone put off a breast cancer screening?

I think what really is behind all this procrastination is the fear: the fear of a cancer diagnosis. But not knowing doesn't make it go away! If scheduling your mammogram is on your to-do list, stop reading this and go make your appointment.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Okay, now that we have that squared away, we can talk about what I really want to talk about. I want to invite you to join me for the 22nd annual American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event on Sunday, October 19, in Concord. This is a five-mile walk, with a shorter Survivor Way route of 2.5 miles.

Registration and team photos are from 11 AM to 12:30 PM, with the Survivor Procession and Opening Ceremonies starting at 12:30 PM and the walk itself at 1 PM.

The walk starts and ends at Memorial Field on South Fruit Street in Concord. Anyone raising \$100 will receive

a long-sleeve Making Strides t-shirt, which really is the uniform of the day and unites us in our cause.

Survivors in the midst of treatment are encourage to come; there are ways to participate without walking the route. You can find more information in our Survivor Invite at AndoverBeacon.com/Strides_Survivor_2014.

You can walk as an individual, form your own team, or join one of the many Making Strides teams with connections to Andover – Concord Moose Lodge #1374 and Moosettes #279, French's Feisty Fighters, Hope's Marvelous Mamo-Grams, Just for Jill and Judy Too!, Sarah's Soldiers, and Tucker's Treasure Chest. All the information you need to Make Strides can be found at MakingStridesWalk.org/ConcordNH.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer raises critical funds that enable the American Cancer Society to fund groundbreaking breast cancer research, provide free information and services,



Tucker's Treasure Chest, one of many Making Strides Against Breast Cancer teams with Andover connections, is shown here at last year's walk.

and ensure access to mammograms for women who need them.

In addition to the practical impact the money raised has on the disease, there is something else that happens at Making Strides in Concord. All you have to do is take one step onto that field to feel the overwhelming support of our com-

munity. Everyone has their own reason for participating, but for that one day, we are all connected – to heal, to hope, and to support each other.

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Kearsarge Chorale, Colby-Sawyer to Expand Musical Horizons

Collaboration between institutions benefits community

Press release

Musical collaborations are nothing new – think Gilbert and Sullivan, Rogers and Hammerstein, Sonny and Cher. But a different kind of musical collaboration is being developed in our community.

Kearsarge Chorale, known for the last five years for bringing high-quality choral music to enthusiastic audiences, has entered into a collaboration with Colby-Sawyer College designed to expand musical horizons for both organizations.

The Chorale was conceived in 2008 when David Almond, then organist and choirmaster at First Baptist Church in New London, issued an invitation to area singers to join in a tribute to the great English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The result was a performance of Vaughan Williams' Pilgrim's Journey, based on the 1678 allegory The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan.

The experience was so rewarding that most of the singers voted to continue singing together, and in 2009 the Kearsarge Chorale was born. Andover residents Nancy Tripp and Margo Coolidge and Andover business owner Linda Barnes are members of the Chorale.

Since its inception, the Chorale has regularly offered two concerts a year, with a wide and varied repertoire including, for example, Handel's Messiah, Brahms' Requiem, and Kearsarge Chorale Goes to the Theater – a potpourri of show tunes and opera choruses.

As Artistic Director, David Almond brings to the Chorale a lifetime of experience in conducting, arranging, and composing, as well as a deep commitment to the joy of making music. Last spring's concert included the world premiere of David Almond's original composition, Reflections.



Janet Howe, Chair of the Kearsarge Chorale, and Tom Galligan, President of Colby-Sawyer College, signed a collaboration agreement that provides rehearsal and performance space for the Chorale and an opportunity for Colby-Sawyer students to participate.

The agreement with Colby-Sawyer College provides rehearsal and performance space for the Chorale in the Sawyer Center Theater. The collaboration also provides an opportunity for student participation in the Chorale's programs.

The Chorale will continue to be operationally and financially independent. Both the Chorale and the staff of the College are enthusiastic about the possibilities inherent in this collaboration.

The next concert – An American Songbag, music by American composers based on our heritage of folk music – will be held at the Sawyer Center Theater on the College campus on Sunday, November 16, at 3 PM. As with all the Chorale's concerts, attendance will be by general admission, and a suggested donation of \$10 will be requested.

Center for the Arts Introduces Art Workshops

Beginning October 9 in New London

Press release

The Center for the Arts announces the first in a series of Art Workshops at Whipple Hall in New London.

Twelve workshops led by well known, award winning art and photography instructors will be offered this fall at Whipple Hall in New London. Registrations are being taken online at NLRec.recdesk.com or CenterForTheArtsNH.org.

There are a variety of courses offered for all levels. Courses include topics in oil and acrylic painting, pastels, photography, composition, lighting, and printmaking.

The following is a list of courses and the dates they will be offered:

October 9 and 10, 9:30 AM to 4 PM: Painting Flowers with Still Life Objects in Oils or Acrylics with Tatiana Yavonskaya-Sink. This two-day class is designed for painting fresh flowers with combinations of beautiful still life objects. Students will be introduced to different approaches and techniques.

October 13, 3 to 5:30 PM: Beginning Photography with Larry Harper. A class which offers hands-on learning, including guided practice with your camera. Get to know your camera's settings and how to maximize lighting, and learn to take better pictures.

October 16, 9 AM to 3 PM: Becoming Comfortable with the Color Wheel with Elizabeth Craumer. A workshop concentrating on giving you the skills and the confidence to use a wider variety of colors to create your oil and acrylic landscapes.

October 20, 9 to 11 AM: Composition and Lighting for Painters and Photographers with Ken Harvey. A workshop exploring what lends itself to being a "good" composition, how to break the "rules," dramatic lighting, and producing a memorable image.

October 25, 10 AM to 4 PM: The Dark Side with Eileen Belanger. Creating contrast and depth in painting: a workshop working with acrylics or oils to achieve depth in painting using light

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October 30, 10 AM to 4 PM: Printmaking: Infinite Possibilities with Elizabeth D'Amico. Imagine one very simple process with infinite possibilities: that's what printmaking with polystyrene foam offers. A class for beginners to experienced, learning various printmaking techniques.

November 6, 9 AM to 3 PM: Delving into Atmospheric Perspective with Elizabeth Craumer. A workshop concentrating on using color in a way that will help you create depth in your landscapes.

November 8, 9:30 to 4 PM: Hurry Up and Paint with Steve Previte: A workshop which completely removes you from your normal comfort zone and methods of painting, designed to force you into growth as an artist and to have more fun and satisfaction with the painting process.

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November 14 and 15, 10 AM to 4 PM: Pastel / Oil Painting Workshop with Aline Ordman. A two-day pastel and/or oil painting class with a demonstration each day focusing on the concepts of value, color, and shapes, followed by studio time at the easel to apply what is learned.

November 22, 10 AM to 2:30 PM: Seeing Value with Patricia Sweet-MacDonald. A great introduction to oil painting, learning oil painting techniques, how to see value, and how to reproduce it on the canvas.

December 8, 9 AM to 1 PM: Photographing Your Artwork with Charley Freiberg. A workshop designed to help the 2D and 3D artist and craftsperson photograph their art work successfully.

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The shelves at the Andover Food Pantry in the basement of the Town Hall have been bare more often, as donations have dwindled while the need for the Food Pantry has continued to rise. Photo: Charlie Darling

Andover Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Eggs, groceries, cash – it all helps!

Maria Glorioso, Andover Food Pantry

For all who frequent the Andover Food Pantry or the Town Hall, you may have noticed that the Pantry shelves seem to empty more quickly than usual. We at the Pantry are seeing an increased need for food and household items. Unfortunately, donations are becoming less frequent, making restocking the shelves more often a financially difficult if not impossible task.

We would like to thank all the wonderful people in this town who so generously give to the Pantry, either by donating food or by sending money to the Andover Lions Club at PO Box 204, Andover 03216 for the Andover Food Pantry. We implore all those who can donate to do so, even if it is just one can of food.

No donation is too small. Just like pennies can grow to be dollars, a small donation added to another small donation eventually can become a shelf-full.

The list below will provide some idea as to what is needed. Thank you all in advance for your generosity.

Staple, Non-Perishable Food Items

Donations of basic canned, bottled, or dried food items are welcome. The hardest items to keep on the shelves are:

- Canned tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, spam, corned beef, hash, beef stew, chili, etc.
- Canned spaghetti, ravioli, etc.
- Macaroni & cheese
- Peanut butter & jelly/jam
- Hearty soups (not condensed)
- Baked beans
- Dry pasta, canned spaghetti sauce
- Mayonnaise (for the tuna)
- Quick-cooking rice
- Dried side dishes like mashed potatoes, pasta or rice sides
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits, fruit juices
- Milk (evaporated or in a carton)

- Cereal
- Coffee

Kitchen and Bath Necessities

Aside from food items, donations of kitchen and bath necessities allow people in need to use their resources for food as opposed to soap and paper products:

- Toilet paper, paper towels
- Dish soap, laundry soap, body soap, shampoo
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.

Please keep a copy of these lists with you and refer to them when shopping!

Please Don't Bring...

- Anything that's past its sell-by date
- Anything that's been opened
- Ethnic or exotic foods
- Unusual condiments, relishes, sauces, or other unusual foods

Special Needs

Some people have special needs. If you jot your need down on the pad located on the first shelving unit in the Pantry, we will try our best to buy that item for you.

Finally, a special request to all who raise chickens. If you could donate eggs, they would be greatly appreciated. We have a refrigerator, and egg cartons are available in the Pantry (help yourself!) if you'd like to donate your chickens' eggs.

Repeat Boutique

Sue Raymond of the Repeat Boutique in Cilleyville says, "If you fall into the Repeat Boutique with a non-perishable item for the Andover Food Pantry, you'll receive \$1 off any item! If you purchase a \$1 raffle ticket, you'll be entered for a \$20 gift certificate."

The Andover Food Pantry is sponsored by the Andover Lions Club and The Andover Beacon to provide basic necessities to those in need. It's located downstairs at the Andover Town Hall and is open whenever the Town Hall is open. It's self-service, no questions asked. Take what you need, drop off what you can. Thank you. 

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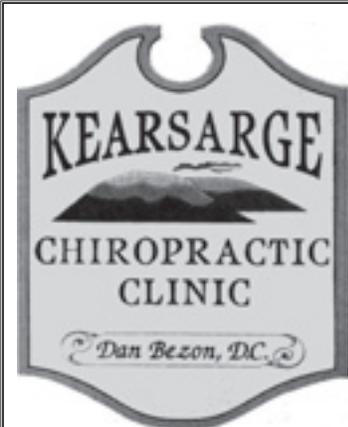
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The Andover Service Club's Executive Board members say good-bye to Joyce Egge. L-r: Sandra Graves, Diane Rice, Eileen Mackey, Evelyn Davis, Joyce Egge, Teri Leclerc, Mary Ofenloch, and Robin Boynton. Photo: Nancy Tripp

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Andover Service Club Says Good-Bye to Joyce Egge

Pie sales coming up in November

Mary Ofenloch
 President, Andover Service Club

On Wednesday, September 10, the Andover Service Club (ASC) met at the Highland Lake Grange Hall for the opening session of its 56th year of service to the community. After welcoming returning members and a guest, the Executive Board presented longtime member Joyce Egge with a farewell gift as she and her husband, Bill, begin a new phase of their lives in South Carolina. She will be missed.

After committee reports and discussions, especially regarding participation of ASC in the Special Olympics event on September 27 at Carr Field, Program Chair Nancy Bodenstein presented a very informative talk, with slides, on

medicinal plants and flowers. Betsy McDonald, Mimi Bowne, and Sandy Miller prepared a delicious lunch for the ladies.

The next meeting of ASC will be on Wednesday, October 8, at 10 AM at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Special guest Jane King will present the program titled Energy Medicine/The Vibration of Health. Ladies who may be interested in learning about ASC may attend this meeting as guests of a member or may e-mail President Mary Ofenloch at MaryO.ASCLub@live.com for more information.

Coming in November – the annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale will be held at Circle K in Potter Place on Tuesday, November 25, and Wednesday, November 26. This is a major fundraising event.

Tickets for the second annual raffle of a basket of "Gifts Galore" will be sold
 See Service Club on page 29

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Andover Fish & Game Club's Annual BBQ Served Almost 200

Chinese auction goes smoothly

Amanda Gross, AF&G volunteer

There's nothing like a summer barbecue, especially one you don't have to prepare yourself! The Andover Fish and Game Club (AF&G) was pleased to provide a delicious, inexpensive meal to almost 200 locals at its annual Famous Beef Barbecue on August 23. A Chinese Auction, as always, followed the meal. The auction went much more smoothly this year, and we hope to continue to make improvements.

The AF&G would like to thank everyone who helped make the barbecue a continuing success, including Murray Smith and assistant Smokey Miller, who cooked the beef, and Club members and their families and friends who provided and prepared all the food and the fixings, served the tasty dishes during the dinner, sold tickets, and organized the Chinese Auction. Thank you to all the businesses and individuals who donated

items for the auction and who helped in other ways.

A special thank-you to Proctor Academy for the use of their facility and to the Andover Elementary/Middle School and the Andover Lions Club for the use of their tables and chairs. And, of course, thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the barbecue and bought tickets for the auction.

The Famous Beef Barbecue is our biggest fundraiser and raises money for the Club's two annual kids' fishing derbies and to send kids to the Barry Conservation Camp. Raised money is also donated to charities, other clubs, and people in need, and used for supplies and Clubhouse upkeep.

Our next event is the Turkey Raffle, which will take place on Friday, November 7. Look for more details in the Beacon's next issue. Again, thank you to everyone for helping the AF&G pursue their mission to educate the public, particularly children, about the outdoors, wildlife, and outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing.

Andover Energy Group Minutes, September 11, 2014

Plans in motion for Solarize Kearsarge

Press release

Attending: Steve and Gisela Darling, Maria Glorioso, Andy Prokosch, Jeff Dickinson, Pecco Beaufays, Katrina Wells, and Janet Moore

We agreed to table wind-energy and biomass consideration until we are all together in November.

Should we move the entire group into Jeff's NGO? We'll talk in November.

Jeff will e-mail Steve Condon of Revision about the offer he made re: solar energy for municipal buildings using a power-purchase agreement.

We moved the discussion about an AEG-NHEC partnership to November.

Katrina will help Vicky set up the solar panel at the September 27 Special Olympics fund-raiser. There is a meeting on the 17th to discuss foods. Maria and Vicky will be making cookies for the Solarize table on the 27th to publicize the Solarize Kearsarge launch event on October 18. Maria, Vicky,

and Gisela and will "people" the table. Vicky and helpers will produce a "thermometer" on sandwich boards that will indicate the ongoing degree of interest; said sign will reside on the Village Green starting on the day of the launch at Colby-Sawyer. Or, we could have a progression of sandwich boards, beginning in East Andover at Sophie's house. Gisela will post flyers around town. Maria is contacting the schools and organizations in town for publicity.

Jeff is point man for Solarize installer interviews in mid- and late September.

On Tuesday, September 23, there will be an LED exposition in Manchester. See Pecco for details, but Maria is definitely going.

Pecco will speak to John Ferris about forwarding a Solarize information mailing to Proctor employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. Many thanks to Maria and Jeff and everyone for their continuing efforts toward the Solarize project. We meet next on Thursday, October 2, at 7 PM at the Highland Lake Inn.

Service Club from page 28

very shortly. The winning ticket will be drawn at the annual ASC Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 10.

Proceeds from ASC events are used to financially assist 15 Andover and wider community organizations. They are: The Andover Beacon; AE/MS; Andover Food Pantry; EAVP; Andover After School Program; Boy, Girl, and Cub Scouts and Brownies; Kearsarge Council On Aging; Highland Lake Grange Hall Restoration; Andover Children's

Christmas; Child/Family Services; Danbury School; Friends of the Northern Rail Trail; and most important of all – the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund.

The ASC Thrift Shop on School Street in Andover is a major source of income for the contributions made to these organizations. But we could not do any of this good work without the help of the public, who, through the years, has been very generous in support of our efforts. Donations and contributions are very gratefully accepted. ASC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



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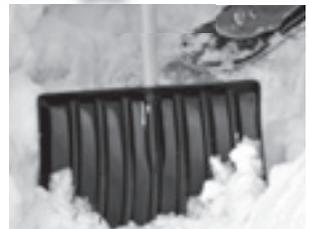
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Chosen People Ministries to Speak at Andover Congregational

"Fall Feasts of the Old Testament" is the topic

Press release

Mitch Forman, a representative of Chosen People Ministries, will be speaking at Andover Congregational Church on Sunday, October 12, during the 9:30 AM worship service. The program being presented is The Gospel in the Fall Feasts of the Old Testament.

Chosen People Ministries is an over 100-year-old mission that was founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel. From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry with outreach centers in Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, Mexico, Ukraine, and the United

States.

Throughout its long history, Chosen People Ministries has been unwavering in its commitment to bring the Gospel message of salvation in Jesus "to the Jew first and to the Gentile" throughout the world. In stressing the Jewish roots of Christian faith, Chosen People Ministries hopes to make the message of the Messiah more accessible to Jewish people and also to help Christian believers achieve a greater appreciation of the Jewish basis of their own faith traditions.

This meeting is open to the public, and Andover Congregational Church would like to invite the Christian and Jewish community to attend. For more information, please call the church office at 735-5160. There is, of course, no charge, but a love offering for the ministry will be received.

Andover Congregational Hosts Courses, Speakers, and a Bake Sale

Church and Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Sandy Miller, ACC

Work on the Andover Congregational Church (ACC) steeple continues under the direction of John Bourdon. He has a bird's eye view of the village from way up there – scary to watch! The East Andover Village Preschool building was recently painted on the outside, and new duct work for the furnace is planned to be installed on September 27.

ACC started up the Alpha course on September 16. A correction on last month's Beacon article – this is not the 27th year of running this course, as it was held twice a year for many years. It probably is the 27th time we've offered it over a period of about 15 years. Sorry for the confusion.

That being said, it's not too late for you to join us this time. It will answer many of the questions you might have on basic Christianity. For further information on this program, call Linda

Wickstrom at 286-8695 or the church office at 735-5160.

Sunday School started up on September 21. It runs the same time as Church, from 9:30 to 10:45 AM. This is under the leadership of Bonnie Wesley.

We feel it is important to instill in children the knowledge and love of the Lord. Please help us carry out this mission by bringing your children to church. Childcare is also provided. Call the church office for more information.

New this year is an Adult Sunday School class beginning on Sunday, September 28. It will be led by Robin Vissner before church at 8:30 to about 9:15 AM. The course is called "The Bible in 90 Days" (although we will be doing it in 180 days). This new, innovative Bible challenge will take you from Genesis to Revelation in just six pages a day. Join us on Sunday mornings beginning September 28 at 8:30 AM as we experience the Bible together, and turn your aspiration into inspiration.

The final bake sale and flea mart for the year will be held on Saturday, October 25, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. This is to raise money for a much-needed technical upgrade to our audio/video sound system. To date, \$5,235 has been raised. The goal is approximately \$7,000. A big "thank you" to Donna Thompson for all her efforts.

On Saturday, October 11, there will be a men's breakfast from 8 to 10 AM at the Highland Lake Grange Hall, next to the church. Breakfast will be followed by a guest speaker. There is no charge for this event, and all men are invited and welcomed.

On Sunday, October 12, Mitch Forman of Chosen People Ministries will be preaching on the Fall Feasts and their relevance today. See this article for more information.

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Koda is a cattle dog mix who would love an active family to take him walking, hiking, running, or riding in cars or boats.

Franklin Animal Shelter: Pet of the Month, October 2014

Koda would love an active family

Press release

Meet Koda! Koda was surrendered to the shelter when his family could no longer keep him. He is a cattle dog mix and is about one and half years old. Koda is neutered, current on all his vaccinations, and he is house broken.

Koda is a young boy, with plenty of energy. He would love an active family

that would take him hiking, running, or just out for a nice long walk. He loves to ride in the car (and boats too) and is always up for a road trip.

Koda is currently being fostered but can be seen by appointment. Contact the shelter to learn more about this great little guy!

If you'd like more information about Koda or any of the animals at the shelter, please contact us at 934-4132 or visit FranklinAnimalShelter.com. 

Haunted Hayride and Spooky Walk in Salisbury

Saturday, October 25, at dusk

Press release

The second annual Salisbury Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department's Haunted Hayride and Spooky Walk will take place at Salisbury's Maplewood

Ball Field on Route 4 in Salisbury. Dare to be scared, as you take a ride and walk through the haunted ball field.

The terror begins at dusk on Saturday, October 25. Admission is \$2 per person. For more information, call Rachel MacDuffie at 648-2425 ... if you dare! 

LRGH Needs Volunteers to Greet and Escort Patients

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Press release

LRGHealthcare Volunteer Services is searching for compassionate, caring, and reliable volunteers to become Patient Escorts. Do you enjoy walking? Do you like to stay active? Then this is the volunteer position for you! Typically, in a four-hour shift, a Patient Escort walks an average of five miles. Stay active and give back – what could be better?

Patient Escorts are a valuable resource at LRGHealthcare. As a Patient Escort, you might be the first face an anxious patient sees as they walk into the hospital. Help alleviate some of their

anxiety with your smile and kind words as you escort them to a test or procedure. What a great way to give back to your community and help out!

Volunteer applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Volunteer shifts are available seven days a week from 8 AM to noon, or noon to 4 PM. Are you a stay-at-home mom? We have shifts available from 10 AM to 2 PM. Still interested, but unable to commit to a four-hour shift? Contact us, and we will find the best hours to fit your schedule.

If you're interested in this great volunteer opportunity, please contact LRGHealthcare Volunteer Coordinator Darcy Peary at 737-6720 or DPeary@LRGH.org. 

Learn to Live Well with a Chronic Health Condition

Workshops focus on Better Choices, Better Health

Press release

Would you like to increase your energy and better manage your health? If you or someone you live with has an ongoing health concern such as chronic pain, diabetes, or arthritis, and would like to learn how to better manage this health concern, you can benefit from "Living Well".

Learn how to manage your symptoms with the Better Choices, Better Health workshop presented by LRGHealthcare in conjunction with the Franklin Area VNA. Join us for one of two upcoming free sessions at Franklin Regional Hospital. Sessions will be offered on Tuesdays beginning September 30 and run through November 4 from 6

to 8 PM; or on Wednesdays beginning October 15 and running through November 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Those attending the workshops will apply skills for living a full, healthy life with a chronic condition, learn to set weekly goals, and develop a practical step-by-step plan for improving health and quality of life. Weekly topics include healthy eating, physical activity, relieving stress, pain and fatigue management, and more.

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Youth Mentoring Program Receives Grant from Franklin Savings Bank

Serves Merrimack County, including Andover

Press release

Mentor matching and community caring go hand in hand. With the Friends Youth Mentoring Program, volunteer mentors are matched with children, ages six to 18. With Franklin Savings Bank, community caring is exemplified regularly, especially through the Fund for Community Advancement.

ers,” said Franklin Savings Bank President and CEO, Jeff Savage. “Franklin Savings Bank is pleased to assist The Friends Program with this \$2,500 grant as they connect the youth of Andover, Boscawen, Penacook, Salisbury, and surrounding communities with a positive force in their lives.”

“The Friends Program is an important Merrimack County resource that currently assists over 100 youth,” said Nancy Watson, Boscawen Office Manager. “Franklin Savings Bank looks forward to assisting Friends with their community outreach to someday reach the point when every child hoping for a mentor is no longer waiting. To assist these important efforts, Franklin Savings Bank’s Boscawen Office is proud to partner by getting the word out through our office’s distribution of informational materials, Facebook postings, and community networking.”

The Friends Program was one of six organizations to receive funds this month through the competitive grant process. Over \$792,000 has been awarded through 34 grant periods since the Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement was created in 1997.

The Fund provides support for substantial projects that enhance the lives of people in central New Hampshire. For a recipient list and application information, visit FSBnh.com. Connect with Franklin Savings Bank on Facebook at Facebook.com/FranklinSavingsBank for news and community updates.



Nancy Watson, supervisor of the Boscawen branch of Franklin Savings Bank, presents a “big” check to Jerry Madden, executive director of the Friends Program.

Each year, volunteer mentors devote over 13,000 hours to Merrimack County youth in mutually-rewarding, one-to-one relationships. Mentors serve as positive role models to enhance self-esteem and strengthen behavior at home, in school, and in the community. There are, however, 75 children waiting to be matched with a volunteer mentor. Support from Franklin Savings Bank will help the Friends Program connect these youth with mentors in the communities served by the organizations, including Andover.

“Today’s youth are tomorrow’s lead-



About 30 seniors enjoyed Gay Ellen Rayno's recitation of her grandmother's poetry and her singing performance following a nice meal shared with friends at the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) Red Barn in Wilmot on September 18. Senior Luncheons will continue to be hosted by the Wilmot Ladies Aid Society, the WCA, and CAP on the third Thursday of the month at noon at the WCA. The next one is on October 16. Call Lindy Heim at 526-6376 to make reservations at least one week ahead.

Photo: Lindy Heim

Wilmot Community Assoc. Hosts Free Halloween Party in Wilmot

5:30 to 7:30 PM on Halloween

Press release

Trick or treaters will find plenty of fun – and goodies too – at the Wilmot Community Association’s (WCA) annual free Halloween Party from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on Friday, October 31, at the WCA’s Red Barn on 64 Village Road (next to the US Post Office) in Wilmot Flat.

Once again, Rachel and Keith Seams will decorate the Association’s Red Barn for Halloween.

Treats for youngsters will include cider, cookies, candy, and other goodies. The young and the young at heart are invited to don a costume and join the fun.

The WCA, a not-for-profit organization, provides the 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 in Wilmot.

More information is available at 526-7934, at WilmotCommunityAssociation.org, or follow us on Facebook

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Nicholas Terwilliger traveled with other Merrimack Valley High School students to Europe over the summer as members of the New England Ambassadors of Music program. He's shown here in Zermatt, Switzerland with *The Andover Beacon* and the Matterhorn (and some fog).

South Danbury Church Begins Third Year of Free Speakers

Starts October 10 with Fred Ogmundson

Press release

The Speaker Series at the South Danbury Church is starting up again, with a roster of lively presentations that promise to be both educational and entertaining. "It's pretty clear that our community enjoys a wide range of topics, from the locally-focused to the international; from the traditional to the up-to-the-moment," says Kathy Neustadt, one of the series' organizers. "We're very excited about how varied our offerings are for this next year, especially the fall season. And our presenters are really interesting folks."

On October 10, local historian, accomplished musician, and skilled lecturer Fred Ogmundson will speak on *My Favorite Characters*, sharing stories about local personalities he's known and learned from in the North Wilmot area over the past 40-plus years.

"I've always been interested in the people who were connected to an older way of life – who grew up as country people, connected to farm life," he says, "folks who developed a certain sophisti-

cation and a strong identity." Come hear Fred tell stories like *Why Mud Season Ain't What It Used To Be*, and bring your own tales about your favorite characters.

Meanwhile, *How Did Your Garden Grow?* is the title of the presentation on October 24 (originally scheduled for September 19, but postponed due to the passing of South Danbury elder Audrey Curren). Did you have oversized snowy-white cauliflowers this year? A bountiful pea crop? Who had black rot on their tomatoes? Or powdery mildew on their zucchini?

Let's share our gardening successes and failures. We'll be joined by Danbury's own Janette Hillsgrove, a Master Gardener from the UNH Cooperative Extension Service Merrimack County, so bring questions and harvested items for Show and Tell.

The talks begin at 6:30 PM, with light refreshments afterwards, and are free to the public (although donations will, of course, be accepted). The South Danbury Christian Church (an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ) is located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury. For more information, call 768-3191.

Warner Fall Foliage Festival Promises Fun for All

October 11 and 12 in downtown Warner

Press release

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12, in downtown Warner. This is one of New Hampshire's longest-running festivals, which draws thousands of fun-loving folks from all over New England.

Parking is \$5, but admission to the festival is free, and families can enjoy most of the activities at no charge. Tour the New Hampshire Telephone Museum and the Upton-Chandler Museum, then sit back and enjoy the talented musicians and entertainers at the Jim Mitchell Community Park Amphitheater. Watch parades and oxen and lumberjack competitions. Kids will want to take part in a scavenger hunt, try their hand at crafts, and rock at the dance party, all at no cost.

The tempting aroma of barbecued

chicken, lobster, and other treats are sure to whet the appetite. Other features this year will be the pie baking contest, artisans and crafters, a farmers market, a barn sale, and a midway with more rides than before.

For those who enjoy running, there will be a five-mile road race and the children's One-Mile Fun Run, both of which require registration. More information about the festival, volunteer opportunities, and registration forms may be found at WFFF.org.

Families planning to attend on Sunday are asked to arrive and park before noon. Shuttle busses will stop and Main Street will be closed to traffic between 12:30 and 2:30 PM for the Grand Parade.

The Warner Fall Foliage Festival committee hopes families from all around will visit this beautiful New Hampshire town on Columbus Day weekend and join in the festivities.



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Donna Baker-Hartwell of Andover and Bethany Brenner, the Executive Director of Woodcrest Village Assisted Living, pause at base camp at Chimney Pond in Baxter State Park in Maine. They had just hiked the Knife Edge at the end of the Appalachian Trail on Mount Katahdin. They'd planned to take their photo with the *Beacon* as they traversed the Knife Edge (pictured below), but somehow it slipped their minds.



Dialogues and explorations of castles have become daily at EAVP in a variety of learning areas. Sophia Croteau, Caleb Nelson, and Sawyer Sanborn use materials from nature to construct their representation of a castle outside.
Photo and caption: Elizabeth Janvrin

East Andover Village Preschool, October 2014

Elizabeth Janvrin, EAVP Director

Our preschool year of 2014-15 is in full swing, after a minor week set back.

As the years have progressed, the weather elements of New Hampshire have deteriorated the outside of our unique school building. The Andover Congregational Church had made the decision to have it repainted this summer, which we did during the week that we were closed for the summer/school year switch-over. There were some questions about the procedures, and although everyone was certified, we wanted to be sure that we had all of the information needed from the New Hampshire Child Care Licensing Bureau, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the New Hampshire Childhood Lead Prevention Program to keep the children in our building safe and not exposed to any harmful elements, such as lead. Thank you to our families for being so understanding, and to Marj Roy, Howard Proctor, and our staff for assisting in get-

ting us back to the school year quickly!

The start of the preschool year brought new and returning friends, new and returning teachers, and a new environment; both inside and on our playground. We have been sharing our memories of the summer, during which many have gone hiking and to the lake. The sharing of our memories has offered us the pleasures of talking in both small and large group settings about something familiar, comparing our experiences, and bringing the memories into our play scenarios.

Out on our playground, we have been able to watch and observe spiders, grasshoppers, ants, and toads in their natural environment. As the conversations have continued, we have made the choice to make an indoor habitat in which grasshoppers can live and have collected one to begin observing.

There have also been many discussions around the harvesting of our garden and the Early Sprouts curriculum. We have picked all of the green beans and pea pods to cook with and eat raw, and we have gathered new seeds to dry for gardening next year. There has been a harvest of tomatoes which were eaten raw with a dipping sauce and will be cooked into a pasta and pizza sauce. We are hopeful that the carrots will be ready for picking soon!

East Andover Village Preschool would like to welcome a new member of our teaching staff: Linda McGrail. She will be joining us in the afternoons. Linda has assisted our program in the past, and her role in Sunday School has ignited her passion to be with children on a more daily basis. When Linda is not with us at the preschool, you can find her on a mountain enjoying nature's beauty.

Space is still available, although limited. If you are interested in joining East Andover Village Preschool for the 2014-15 school year, contact Elizabeth at 735-5105 or EAVP@tds.net.



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AASP students gathered at their designated meeting place during a fire drill. Back: Colton Howe, Miles Hurlbutt, Delaney Young, Emily Hackmann, Maura Kelly, Caleb Warzocha, Elliott Norris, Damion Letourneau. Front: Kaden Fanny, Logan Welch, Cilla Abrahamson, Declan Bison, Damien Jenifer, Indira McIntyre, Isaac Norris, Mychal Reynolds, Ben Kelly, Colin Murphy, Garrett Barton, Anna Warzocha, Wyatt Barton, Liam Murphy, Ollie Grotnes, Ethan Dukette, Ani McIntyre, Brittney Thoroughgood, Liberty Spaulding, Kyleigh Fanny, Cassidy Piroso. Photo: Diane Adams

AASP is Off to a Good Start for the School Year

Part-time openings still available

Diane Adams, AASP

The Andover After School Program (AASP) welcomes back all of the students returning to our program and our many new ones. We have had the pleasure of adding eight new students to our program.

The year has started out fabulously. Everyone is adjusting to their new areas and falling into the routine very nicely.

We have added a weekly activity chart, a monthly bulletin board in the library, and pictures and names of our current staff and substitute teachers. We have had apple painting, beading, and sunflower making in the month of September and have added stamping and tracing paper to our list of arts and crafts.

We had our first fire drill. The picture is of our group standing by the big tree in our yard, which is the meeting place if the fire alarm goes off. This is something we do every 60 days for safety reasons.

Parents who have children enrolled

in our program can be on the lookout for the monthly newsletter, sent via e-mail, at the end of every month. We also have copies hanging on our "What's Up?" wall.

Another advantage of having your child enrolled with us is that on teacher workshop days, some holidays, and some school vacations, you may sign your child up to spend the day with us. Just sign up in advance. Your child doesn't have to be full-time to take advantage of this service.

We currently have part-time openings. Feel free to stop in and pay us a visit, or call 735-6566.

We have a donation bucket available to leave food for the Andover Food Pantry. You may leave a donation any time, and it will be delivered by the director, Diane Adams, weekly to the food pantry. Community is a big focus here at the Annex. Every little act of kindness makes a big difference. We thank all of you who have supported us; it is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful Halloween, and be safe!



A life long dream has finally come true! Gail Barton joined her nephew Darrell Bacon and his wife Anna on a trip to Greece in August. Their trip took them to Patmos, Santorini, and Athens. Gail was sure to pack her copy of *The Andover Beacon* and stopped at the Acropolis and the Parthenon for a quick picture.

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Don Kaplan was among the Andover Lions and other area residents who enjoyed a night out at a Fisher Cats ball game in Manchester in August. It was a perfect evening to watch the Cats take on the Portland Seadogs from a luxury box on the third base line. Photo: Liz Kaplan



Chase Davis, Keagan Sweeney, Dylan Jewell, Zack Cronin, Matt Bent, Matt Reynolds, Jared Frost, Jim Reed, Sam Ladd, Hayden Buswell, and Brian Reynolds took part in a scuba lesson at the Colby-Sawyer College pool in June.

Andover Boy Scouts Planning Plenty of Adventures

Scuba, canoeing, winter camping ... and more!

Doug Bent, Scoutmaster

The start of the school year also brings the start of Boy Scouts for the 2014-15 year. Any boy who has finished the fifth grade or is 12 or older is welcome to join. Meetings are Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the Annex (formerly the Hamp House) unless otherwise noted. The first meeting was held on September 15.

Last year we partnered with Troop 4480 out of Kingston, Massachusetts. The partnership allows us to participate in activities, such as camp-outs, in a setting other than what the boys from Andover are used to. Last fall we trav-

eled to Plymouth, Massachusetts for a camp-out, and in May the boys from the other troop traveled to Andover for a backpacking trip.

Through the year the boys participate in camp-outs, including in the winter season. Other activities that the boys had the opportunity to take part in last year were swimming in winter at Colby-Sawyer College; first aid training; orienteering and map reading; canoeing; and scuba diving.

This year the troop will continue with their camping, swimming, first aid and CPR training, and many other activities. We have already been invited to join Troop 4480 for a canoe trip on the North River in Massachusetts for this fall.



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OBITUARIES

ARTHUR ALWIN DEAN, 79, of Meredith passed away at Golden View Health Care Center on August 25, 2014. Art was born in Tilton on June 23, 1935, to Gladys (Merrill) and Charles Dean. He grew up in Tilton, graduating from Tilton-Northfield High School.

Art attended Plymouth State Teachers College, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in education and played basketball and baseball. He served in the Army Reserves and later earned a Master's Degree in physical education from Boston University.

Art began raising his family with former wife Jeraldine P. Dean in 1958, settling in Laconia in 1966. During his 37-year teaching career, he taught physical education and driver's education and coached a number of boys' and girls' sports. Before coming to Laconia, he taught and coached in Lincoln, Bristol, and Franklin, where he was Athletic Director.

For many years, Art was a physical education teacher at the former Memorial Junior High School in Laconia. He served as varsity boy's basketball coach at Laconia High School from 1969 to 1975. After retiring from coaching, Art was an NHIAA-certified soccer official. Art strongly believed in the value of education and participation in athletics in preparing young people for life. He established summer basketball leagues for different age groups in Laconia, organized the annual Lakes Region Basketball Clinic, and was also on the coaching staff of basketball camps run by former Boston Celtic players Larry Siegfried and Dave Cowens.

Art enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, exercising, and attending his grandchildren's activities. He also loved watching ballgames on TV and spending time with family and friends at his camp near Mount Kearsarge in Andover.

Family members include his son Timothy S. Dean and his wife Michelle of Laconia; his daughter Cheryl A. Angus of Gilmanton; his son James M. Dean and Nancy DePasquale of Beverly, Massachusetts; his son John K. Dean and his wife Karen of Gilmanton; grandchildren Hayley Angus of Campton, Evan Dean and his adopted sister Saray of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Olivia, Aidan, and Victoria Dean of Laconia, and Lauren and Caroline Dean of Gilmanton; and great-grandchildren Maxx and Juno Angus of Campton.

Calling hours were held on September 5 at Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Laconia. Burial will be at a later date in Franklin Cemetery, Franklin.

Donations in Art's memory may be made to the Arthur Dean Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund, c/o Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 7312, Gilford 03247-7312. For more informa-

tion and to view an online memorial, visit WilkinsonBeane.com.

ROYDEN "PUNK" A. HASKINS, 67, died unexpectedly on September 3, 2014, at his residence in Boscawen.

Mr. Haskins was born on August 5, 1947, in North Troy, Vermont, the son of the late Kenneth and Irene (Wheeler) Haskins. He was a resident of Boscawen for the past several years.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Haskins was employed at Page Belt Company, where he worked as a machine operator.

His hobbies and interests included horses, playing cards, and buying lottery scratch tickets. He also enjoyed spending time with his cat, Midnight Special.

Members of his family include his sister, Nancy Parris, of Andover; a brother, Lawrence Haskins, of Concord; three step-sons, Richard Bill, Timothy Bill, and Alfred Bill; two step-daughters, Tammy Dukette and Kathleen Lewis; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Mr. Haskins was predeceased by his wife, Mary (Hill) Haskins.

Calling hours were on September 6 from 2 to 5 PM at the Bennett Funeral Home in Concord.

Those who wish may make memorial donations to the Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack County, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord 03301 or to the American Lung Association, 20 Warren Street, Suite 4, Concord 03301, in memory of Mr. Haskins.

RICHARD VAN WAGENEN OF NAPLES, Florida and Andover ended his battle with cancer peacefully at his home in Naples on September 3, 2014. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 49 years, Christine (Birchall) Van Wagenen, his three daughters, Heidi Van Wagenen Day, Lorin Van Wagenen Carroll, and Gretchen Van Wagenen Montgomery, three son-in-laws, and eight grandchildren. He is

pre-deceased by his parents, Dr. Alfred and Elizabeth (Hadley) Van Wagenen and granddaughter Megan Sydney Day.

Dick was a Special Education teacher for over 25 years in New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Maine and also taught at University of Maine at Presque Isle. After retiring from teaching, he started his own construction company, Cape Ups, in Harwich Port, Massachusetts. He was a member of the Andover Masonic Temple.

Dick was born in Ithaca, New York, on August 28, 1939. He grew up in Yardley, Pennsylvania. He graduated from New England College and received his Masters in Special Education from Trenton State Teachers College. He was a long-time member of Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club and enjoyed playing tennis, hiking, and sailing.

He will be laid to rest at Proctor Cemetery in Andover in a memorial service on Saturday, October 4, at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations please be made to the Andover Historical Society, PO Box 167, Andover 03216, or to the American Cancer Society.

RAYMOND C. BLANCHETTE SR., 74, of Pembroke died on September 14, 2014, at the Concord Hospital after a

lengthy illness.

Born on August 20, 1940, in West Hopkinton, Raymond was the son of Phillip and Evelyn (Clark) Blanchette. A resident of Hopkinton for many years, he was employed for 33 years as a machine tender for the West Hopkinton Paper Mill. He also worked maintenance for several years for Machine Craft, Inc.

He was an avid NASCAR fan and cheered on his local favorites, the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox.

Mr. Blanchette was predeceased in 2006 by his wife, Rosemary (Spinner) Blanchette.

He is survived by four children; Scott Ray Blanchette of Pembroke, Raymond Blanchette Jr. of Longwood, Florida, Marie Miller of Altamonte Springs, Florida, and Debra Tottie of Hillsboro; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He also leaves his sisters; Pauline Kienia of Webster, Judy Andrus of Contoocook, Beverly Andrus of Andover, Phyllis Bane of Northwood, and Linda Witham of Contoocook; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

His brothers, Philip and Freddie, predeceased him.

Graveside services were held on September 19 at Blossom Hill Cemetery in
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FREDERICK C. SHAW, 94, a lifetime resident of Salisbury, passed away on September 16, 2014, at the Merrimack County Nursing Home. He was a graduate of Andover High School, Class of 1938.

Fred enjoyed visiting with his many friends and restoring old cars. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Edwina Shaw; one daughter, Luann Shaw of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; one son, Frederick C. Shaw III and his wife Ronda of West Virginia; two step-daughters, Patricia of Vermont and Katherine of Virginia. He has six step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Hale, of East Andover; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, four sisters, and six brothers.

At his request, there were no calling hours. A graveside funeral service was held on September 20 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Salisbury. There was a small reception at the Salisbury Town Hall following the graveside service.

Donations in memory of Fred may be made to the Salisbury Fire Department, 273 Old Turnpike Road, Salis-

bury 03268 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant Street, Watertown MA 02472.

TIMOTHY L. WOODS, 53, of Joliet, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly on September 21, 2014 in Joliet. He was born on November 21, 1960 in Germany to loving parents Ronald Woods of Andover and Linda Woods of Mesa, Arizona. He was the beloved husband of Laura Jane Woods, to whom he was wedded for 19 years. He was the loving father of Noelle R. and Taigue Woods, fond brother of Chris Woods and the late Patrick (the late Nancy) Woods, and dear uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Tim grew up in New Jersey and New Hampshire. He was a 1978 graduate of Gilford High School in Gilford; graduated from University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada; and received his Ph.D from the University of Nebraska. Tim had worked for pharmaceutical companies Schering-Plough and Sanofi-Aventis. Tim loved photography, Photoshop, and skiing.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on September 25 at Holy Family Church in Shorewood, Illinois. Family and friends gathered on September 26 for graveside services at Battle Creek Memorial Park Cemetery in Battle Creek, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to a future education fund for Tim's children care of Laura Woods, 3511 Old Renwick Trail, Joliet IL 60435. 

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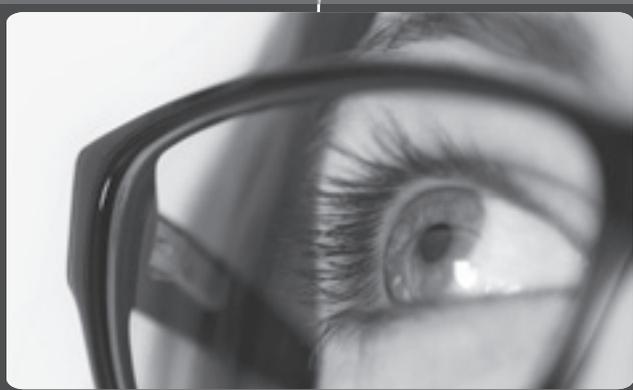
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Jude Shedd of Andover and Ed Blaisdell of Salisbury made repairs at another WBIF project.. Photo: Sue Johnson

Belletetes' "We Build It Forward" Event Makes A Difference

Nearly 100 help make our communities better for all

On September 20, community spirit was in the air around Belletetes' We Build It Forward (WBIF) Community Outreach Event. Close to 100 volunteers came together on this special day of helping those in need and worked on

- Danbury have access to her barn and sheds
- exterior painting for an elderly woman in Danbury
- stacking wood for a family in Danbury
- new storm door installation and minor repair work in a bathroom for a woman in Elkins



At one project, Jen Ellis of Elkins and Nancy Teach and Marcia Emery, both of Andover, stacked many cords of firewood.

Photo: Sue Johnson

15 projects in the Andover, Jaffrey, and Ashland areas.

Applications for the WBIF projects started arriving in Sue Johnson's office in Andover last May. Sue is the WBIF Event Coordinator and is responsible for reviewing each project and determining if it qualifies based on need. Sue and a project leader visit each project to determine the material list, manpower, and tools required.

Some projects require materials and labor, while others only require materials, as friends and family members volunteer to provide the labor. There is no cost to the recipient.

Seven projects were worked on in the communities surrounding Belletetes' Andover and Sunapee locations; one project was completed on September 19, and one will be worked on in another week. The projects this year included:

- new playground roofs at Andover Elementary/Middle School
- ramps to help an elderly woman in

- new metal roof and firewood for a family in North Sutton
- replacement windows for an elderly woman in Sunapee

The projects in the Jaffrey area included tearing down and replacing a deck so a woman in Jaffrey would have access to her front door without fear of the deck falling down; new steps for an elderly woman so she could safely enter and exit her home; painting a classroom at the Monadnock Community Early Learning Center by a group of Peterborough Boy Scouts and troop leaders, and reroofing a garage roof for a low-income family in Jaffrey. Two projects were completed in the



At a project in Sutton, Bob Hurlbutt of Andover donated eight cords of wood then helped split and stack it. Photo: Sue Johnson

Ashland community – winterizing/insulating the crawl space for an elderly couple in their 90s; and repair work on a ramp and stairs, yard clean-up, and removal of a downed tree for a woman with disabilities.

The event culminated with a barbecues at the Jaffrey and Andover locations. The Belletetes team made up a

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Holiday Gift Showcase Presents Brand-Name Products

Saturday, November 1,
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Press release

Can you believe that the holidays are just around the corner?

Knock a few gifts off that never-ending to-do list by coming to our vendor fair. The fourth annual Vendor Fair will be held on Saturday, November 1, from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Andover Elementary/Middle School.

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Interested in setting up as a vendor or crafter? Please contact 454-4664.



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strong portion of the support staff leading up to the event, and many worked on projects during the day of the event. The entire staff really cares about this event, and it is very evident.

Every sponsor and volunteer deserves special thanks for the contribution they made to our community and neighbors. This is the first year Belletetes has taken on the neighbor-helping-neighbor program, after learning about the program when they purchased RP Johnson and Son in 2013. “When we learned about the program, we thought it had great merit,” Mike Shea, Vice President of Belletetes, said.

If you would like to become a sponsor or volunteer for next year’s We Build it Forward program, you can contact

Sue Johnson at 735-5193 or SJohnson@Belletetes.com.

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Lake Sunapee Bank staff were on hand with lots of delicious food for Customer Appreciation Day on the front lawn of the Andover branch on Thursday, September 11. The weather wasn't ideal, but the bank's customers enjoyed the free lunch.
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New Horizons Hairstylists Have Been Busy with Many Changes

New decor, online appointment scheduling, and more

Press release

We have been very busy inside New Horizons Hairstylists at 170 Main Street in Andover. We have knocked out doors and brightened the place up with paint and new decor, and we are not done yet!

We have also been working with an online scheduling service called Schedulicity. This Web-based service allows you to book, check on, or change your appointment from any computer, 24/7.

When you make an appointment, you receive a confirmation e-mail and then a reminder e-mail 48 hours in advance. You can schedule from our Facebook page at "New Horizons Hair" or from Schedulicity.com. You can also call us "the old fashioned way," too.

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Meghan Barton, 16 years of cosmetology experience, 13 years with New Horizons. Meghan has advanced training in hair color as well as perms, cuts, and styles. She is an expert in eyebrow shaping and contouring. Meghan is ready for your hair care needs Wednesday through Friday and alternating Tuesdays and Saturdays.

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Introducing the 2014 Andover Middle School soccer team! Front: Matt Bent, Elijah Wakeman, Ryan Methven, Zachary Shipley, Nelson Makechnie, Aiden Kellogg, Lexi Emeny, Ryelle Jenifer, Victoria Braley, Hannah Asbury, Vienna Marcus, Sophia Weber, Hunter Hawks, William Furtkamp. Back: Jack Newton, Riley Keezer, Zackary Cronin, Camden Donovan, Tiegan Friedrich, Myles Powers, Devin Barton, Jared Frost, DJ Rankins, Sam Parkman, Julia Royal, Garrett Munson, Hayden Buswell, Dylan Plante, Jesse Wagner, and Coach Amy Makechnie. Photo: Christine Frost

Middle School Soccer Team Off to a Good Start

Holds a strong MVMS team to a tie

Amy Makechnie, Coach

The Andover Middle School soccer team is off to an auspicious start! Our opening game was against Merrimack Valley Middle School, well known for their foot skills and high level of play.

The eighth graders came out strong, getting an early goal by Nelson Makechnie. The game was tied up at half time, but Camden Donovan put another shot in the net for the lead.

Goalie DJ Rankins flew left and right blocking shots, and in the end, the Andover Eagles tied Merrimack Valley. We are looking forward to a rematch on Andover's home field on Monday, September 29.

Our second game was against Sant Bani. We were victorious, with six different players scoring. Players included Zach Shipley, Nelson Makechnie, Camden Donovan, Ryan Methven, Samantha Parkman, and Myles Powers, who headed the ball in from Jack Newton's powerful corner kick!

Next we traveled to Newport, where



AE/MS second graders explored and hunted for insects on their annual Bug Hunt. Pictured are Emma Chadbourne and Jed Duquette teaming up to bring a captured insect to the main habitat for observation. After returning to class, the students researched what they saw in books about insects. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

many of our seventh graders had long minutes on the field, including Riley Keezer, who scored his first goal of the season. Elijah Wakeman played goalie for the second half and only let one shot in, while Jared Frost had two goals,

Samantha Parkman scored on a penalty kick, and veteran players Aiden Kellogg, Camden Donovan, and Jack Newton placed shots after a one-on-one with Newport's goalie.

While we love winning games, our biggest strength as a team is our unity.

This special group of kids hustle together, work hard every single day, and look out for each other. They are consistently kind and positive.

Looking forward to the season, we will continue to focus on foot skills, cardiovascular and strength conditioning, and playing the ball to open spaces. We love our supportive fans, their healthy snacks, and sideline cheering. Excited to catch a game? Visit AEMSeagles.org/our-school/athletics.

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Erin Frost (right), MVHS 2014, was recruited by Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) to play on its first varsity field hockey team in over 20 years. She began at SNHU for pre-season on August 17 and was chosen as a starter on the team. Erin scored her first collegiate goal during SNHU's first game on September 4 against Roger Williams College.

Photo: Gil Talbot



Meet the AE/MS 2014 Cross Country team: top: River Turnbull; middle: Matt Reynolds, Cyrus King, David Reynolds, Colin Coolidge, Mychal Reynolds, Coach Brian Reynolds; front: Sophia Reynolds, Brynne Makechnie, Alex Plante, Alexis Geyer, Cassidy Piroso. Missing: Madison Colby, Sasha Mackenzie, Tyler Champagne.

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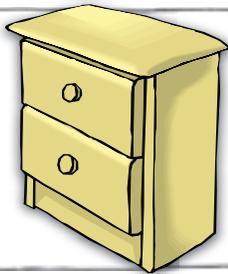
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AE/MS Cross Country is Off and Running with Six Meets

David Reynolds earns AE/MS' first-ever individual victory

Brian Reynolds
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Andover Cross Country is literally off and running in its second year. We have 13 runners this year: seven girls and six boys. We have six meets, culminating with the State Championships on Saturday, October 18, in Londonderry.

The boys are led by returning eighth graders David and Matthew Reynolds, along with Cyrus King, Colin Coolidge, River Turnbull, and Tyler Champagne.

The girls are led by Sophia Reynolds, Brynne Makechnie, Alexis Geyer, Alex Plante, Madison Colby, Cassidy Poroso, and Sasha Mackenzie.

The teams started their season on September 10 at Kearsarge Middle School. There were four other teams at the meet: Kearsarge, Merrimack Valley, Hopkinton, and Great Brook. The race was two miles, consisting of two one-mile laps of fast road and grass with some technical trail.

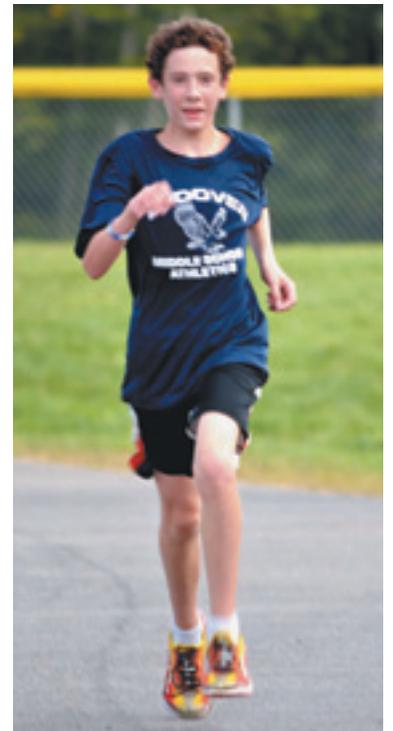
The girls raced first. Sophia, Brynne, Alex, Alexis, Madison, and Cassidy toed the line in a field of 45 girls. Sophia started strong and was in the lead group heading into the woods. Brynne, Alex, Alexis, Madison, and Cassidy settled into the pack.

When the girls came out of the woods after the first lap, Sophia was in the top 10, Brynne was in the top 20, and Alex, Alexis, Madison, and Cassidy were working together and enjoying the Kearsarge trail. At the finish Sophia, was in sixth place in 15 minutes, 35 seconds, beating Andover's best time on the Kearsarge course by almost two minutes. Brynne came next, in 19th place, followed by Alex, Alexis, Madison, and Cassidy.

In the boys race, Andover sent David, Matthew, Cyrus, Colin, and River

to the line in the field of 38 boys. At the gun, the boys took off down the road and into the woods.

David emerged from the woods looking great and 30 meters clear of the



David Reynolds heads for the finish line for the first-ever individual victory for AE/MS Cross Country.

competition. Matt was close behind, in a chase group of five, followed by Cyrus, Colin, and River.

Heading into the woods for the second lap, David pulled further away and came around to close out a dominant race in 12 minutes, 35 seconds (41 seconds ahead of second place) for Andover's first-ever individual victory. It was also Andover's best time ever on the Kearsarge course, by 40 seconds.

Matt finished in the chase group for sixth place. He was followed by Cyrus
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A big crew from Belletetes' "We Build It Forward" event made big improvements to the playground at AE/MS on September 20. Pictured are (back) Steve Pitman, Tyler Plante, David Bates, Jane Slayton, Misty Sava, John Sava, (front) Gail Parenteau, Hayden Buswell, Donna Pourby, Judy Turk, and Chris Buswell. Photo: Sue Johnson

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in the number of families who frequented our town libraries this summer.

The first official meeting of the AE/MS Parent Teacher Organization is Monday, October 20, at 6:30 PM in the school library. The PTO volunteers do so much to help students, staff, and families. A continued focus this year will be the playground and skatepark area. It is time to revitalize things a bit.

September 20 was an exciting Saturday on the school playground. Volunteers, bolstered by funding and support from Belletetes, replaced the three aging roofs on the playground structure. In addition, a new structure was built for ga-ga ball. There was also a lot of raking, sweeping, and painting to do. More work is necessary, but this past Saturday was a huge jumpstart!

Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 8. AE/MS has been participating in this international event for many years. Students arrive at school, check in with classroom teachers, and then board buses with their class and staff members. Students and staff members are then dropped off at four locations along the Rail Trail to walk back to school. Upon arrival back at school, there will be fresh fruit, water, and music in the gym. Please feel free to meet us on the trail.

Recycling efforts have been re-energized at AE/MS. We are recycling almost everything now!

AE/MS students and staff members have an opportunity to receive flu shots

without leaving school. The student flu clinic is Thursday, October 9, and the adults will have the same opportunity the following week. I hope everyone stays healthy this year.

The classroom lights stay on late on Wednesday nights. Many of our staff members are doing coursework through New England College (NEC). Our school is now a site for NEC courses. There are 11 AE/MS educators currently enrolled in graduate level programs through NEC. The learning never stops.

Math Night is Thursday, October 23! It is a great family night at school, with math games and activities for all school-aged children and adults. Plan on joining the fun! Math Night this year is going to be one of the best ever.

On Thursday, November 6, at 9 AM we will once again invite all our Andover veterans to a ceremony to honor them and our country. Veterans will be mailed invitations for the event.

We are very grateful that so many veterans and family members attend every year. It is beneficial for our students to participate and learn from this annual event. Spread the word. This is one of the most important and favorite days for our school community.

The word is out. The Andover Players will present Annie this spring! Performances will be held on March 26 and 27. Rehearsals will begin in October.

Please think of AE/MS if you have an abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables from your gardens. We love to accent our school lunches with local fresh produce.

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and then later by Colin and River, finishing a strong day for Andover.

Our first meet provided several firsts for the Andover team:

- We had a full team for boys and girls.
- We had an individual winner in a meet.
- We had a school record on the

Kearsarge course for both boys and girls.

- Everyone ran their personal best on the Kearsarge course, despite it being about 50 meters longer than last year.

After the first meet, the team welcomed Tyler Champagne and Sasha Mackenzie heading into a meet at the Shaker Road School. The team is excited and ready to have a great season.

Gail from page 44

been Gail Parenteau and her enduring love, support, guidance, and friendship generously shared with all members of the school community. Gail, as school secretary, connects with all the families. She is the heart of AE/MS.

During the holidays, Gail coordinates community organizations with families in need and often personally helps families in a discreet, respectful manner. Gail's a fabulous resource to all who work in the school and to parents and community members.

Gail does not stop thinking about her students just because the school day ends. She cares 24 hours a day, 7 days

a week. Gail comes to baseball games, concerts, and community events, supporting and cheering for students.

Gail has been caring for Andover students at AE/MS for so long that she now has children and even grandchildren of her original students. Long after students graduate, they continue to come back to AE/MS to visit Gail and to thank her for all she had done for them.

AE/MS is fortunate to have Gail Parenteau's big heart and generous, totally All-Star spirit.

Gail received a check for \$250 to be donated to a favorite charity. Gail chose to donate the money toward the AE/MS playground.

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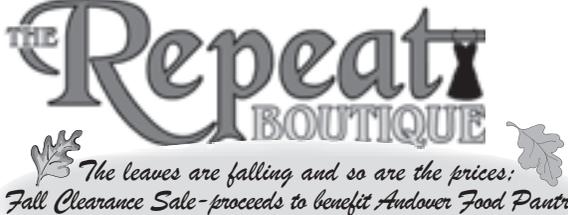
and reduce the number of days staff and students are out because of sickness.

Take the time to talk to your children about washing their hands often, coughing into their sleeve or tissue, not sharing their personal items (such as chapstick, drinks, and food), and keeping their hands out of their mouths,

nose, and eyes.

Please remember: if your child is sick and comes down with a fever, do not send her or him to school. Keep your sick child home for at least 24 hours after the fever goes away without medication.

For more information about the flu clinic, please call Christine Frost, AE/MS school nurse, at 735-5500. For general flu information, visit Flu.gov.



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BEACON DEADLINE: THE 15TH!



Gail Parenteau, administrative assistant at AE/MS, was honored as an All-Star Educator by the New Hampshire Lottery and the New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Photo: Charlie Darling

Gail Parenteau Recognized in All-Star Educator Award Contest

Educator hero at AE/MS since 1985

Press release

Gail Parenteau recently received runner-up recognition for the 2014 New Hampshire Lottery and New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) All-Star Educator Award Contest. Gail was nominated by Principal Jane Slayton because she knew Gail was deserving of such an honor.

In an effort to recognize schools' unsung heroes, the New Hampshire Lottery and NHMS asked school principals across New Hampshire in August

to nominate "All-Star Educators" who make a difference in the lives of students, staff, and family members.

There are many staff members at Andover Elementary/Middle School (AE/MS) whom Jane could have nominated for the "All Star" award, but she felt that there was one person above all who holds the school together and positively impacts all teachers, students, parents, and the community.

Gail Parenteau has been the "educator hero" at AE/MS since 1985. Things have changed within education and within AE/MS, but the one constant has
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AE/MS students enjoyed a celebration party for their participation in the Paws to Read Challenge over the summer months. Third and fourth grade students filled out an animal paw with the titles of books they read over the summer, and they were rewarded upon returning to school with a party including ice cream sundaes and games outside. Photo: Kristine Lane

AE/MS Students Get Free Flu Shots on October 9

Parents must return signed consent

Press release

The flu season is upon us, and the best way to protect your family is with the annual flu vaccine. It is recommended everyone six months of age and older get the seasonal flu vaccine every year.

The flu can spread very quickly in schools, and young children and children with medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes can have serious problems if they get the flu. This year, AE/MS will be hosting its fourth an-

nual flu clinic, where students can get their flu vaccine at no cost on Thursday, October 9.

Parents must return a signed consent form to the school if their children are to be given the vaccine. At the clinic, children will be given the vaccine by trained medical professionals. Children will miss much less class time attending this clinic than if they came down with the flu and had to miss days of school.

It is disruptive when your children and teachers are out sick. We can all work together to keep our school healthy
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The new ga-ga pit at AE/MS, built by Belletetes and volunteers as part of the annual We Build It Forward event, is a huge hit with the kids. Ga-ga ("touch-touch" in Israeli) is a form of dodgeball played in a large octagonal or hexagonal corral, or ga-ga pit. Photo: Mike Wiley

New School Year Off to a Busy Start at AE/MS

First meeting of PTO is October 20

Jane Slayton, AE/MS Principal

It is Open House season! The Open House for families of fifth through eighth grade students was held on September 11 and was well attended. Families spent an hour in the classrooms, talking with teachers, learning about curriculum expectations, and ending the evening by winning fabulous prizes.

The Open House for families with children in kindergarten through grade

four was held on September 25. The elementary Open House is always an exciting night, as students enthusiastically and proudly "tour" their parents throughout the building and share their learning experiences. The elementary Open House ends with milk and cookies.

AE/MS Reads!

Many of our students participated in summer reading programs through the school and met their reading goals. I was also told that there was an increase
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Ms. Hildebrand's second graders had a great Luau Day. Back: Churchill Salathe, Jacob Demers, Cody Provost, Liam Murphy, Al Dudek, Garrett Barton, Ben Kelly, Wyatt Carleton. Front: Paige Makechnie, Julianna Champagne, Abby James Bentzler, Emma Chadbourne, Madison Hersey, Olivia James Bentzler. Photo: Gretchen Hildebrand