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On May 21, Andover Cemetery Trustee Pat Cutter worked with members of Crosby-Gilbert American Legion Post 101 Lloyd Perreault, Don Clendenen, and Bill Keyser (who is also a cemetery trustee) to put flags on the graves of about 300 veterans in honor of Memorial Day. Of Andover's 17 cemeteries, 11 of them have at least one veteran buried there.

Post 101 has recently been reactivated, and area veterans are encouraged to join. The post is planning to support patriotic holidays and events in the coming year, including a float in Andover's Fourth of July parade. If you can participate, call Bill Leber at 735-5144. The post meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Masonic Hall in Potter Place.

Photo: Charlie Darling



Monday morning, May 25. Because the fire burned so deeply, fire crews spent hours soaking the woods floor. The two-and-a-half burned acres will have to be monitored for days to be sure the fire doesn't re-ignite. Photo: Scott Davis

## Andover Fire Department Battles Woods Fire at Proctor

Night-time blaze burns over two acres

Charlie Darling, *Beacon* staff

At 7:27 PM on Sunday, May 24, the "tone" went out to Andover firefighters: investigate the thick column of smoke rising from a hill behind Proctor

Academy. "Based on the thick smoke, it looked like a structure fire," said Andover Fire Chief Rene Lefebvre.

With night falling fast, the fire fighters found a small lean-to ablaze about half a mile up a trail to Ragged Mountain behind the Proctor Field House. See Fire on page 2



Rats have taken over the old Transfer Station office, rendering it unhealthy and unusable. This new office trailer provides a temporary solution for Transfer Station manager Reggie Roy and his team. Photo: Charlie Darling

## New Office Trailer at the Transfer Station

Old office abandoned due to rat infestation

Marj Roy, Town Administrator

You have probably noticed the new office trailer at the Transfer Station. Rats are a common problem at landfills and trans-

fer stations, but the problem at the Andover Transfer Station has become extreme.

This winter, even with a professional exterminator waging war against them, the rats took over. They chewed holes in the office walls and floor, ate the insula-

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## Public Hearings Planned for Major Changes to Zoning Ordinance

Input needed from residents and property owners

Paul Currier, Planning Board Chair

The Andover Planning Board has been working to refine proposed changes to the Andover Zoning Ordinance. Six changes are proposed, which are intended both to update the ordinance and to implement some of the recommendations of the Master Plan adopted in 2013.

The Board needs input from Andover residents and property owners about the proposed changes. Two public hearings are scheduled, one on Tuesday, June 23, at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall, and one in the fall, on a date to be announced.

We hope you will take time to become familiar with the proposed amendments and bring your questions, comments, and recommendations to the Planning Board. You can do this at the hearing on June 23, at the hearing in the

fall, by mail to Planning Board, Town of Andover, PO Box 61, Andover NH 03216-0661, or by e-mail to the Town Administrator at TAdmin@Andover-NH.gov.

Also, you can just show up between 8:30 and 9 PM at a Planning Board meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays this summer or next fall.

The text of the proposed changes is on the Town Web site at Andover.NH.us, or you can request an electronic copy by e-mail from the town administrator or drop by the Town Office and pick up a paper copy.

### Major Revisions

The proposed amendments would be the first major revisions to the ordinance since 1978. In that year, the special exception process was amended to allow any use anywhere in town by special exception. Some other provisions have been added through the years – a flood-

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## Fourth of July Fundraising Needs Your Support!

Please donate by the end of May!

Judy Perreault  
Fourth of July Committee

We are moving into the final phase of our town-wide collection for the Fourth of July. We are still accepting donations, but those received in June and July will be acknowledged in the *Beacon*, not in the Fourth of July program.

If your house was missed in the canvass, please check the April or May issue of the *Beacon*, find the booster

ticket, and send a donation.

Many Andover clubs and organizations benefit from sales at the Fourth of July celebration. They return money to the town in the form of services and scholarships.

Remember to watch for our raffle booth on the Village Green on the Fourth. Three great prizes will be drawn on July 4 (or the fifth – rain date). You might be a lucky winner, but only if you buy a ticket. If you want tickets ahead of time, call Beth Frost at 735-5562 or Judy Perreault at 735-5493.

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plain ordinance, rules for cell phone towers, for small wind energy systems, and equitable waivers of dimensional requirements.

Basically, though, the ordinance has stayed pretty much the same for nearly 40 years. It is overdue for some updates and some new provisions to reflect almost half a century of changes in Andover and advances in land use planning law and practice in general.

The proposed amendments would:

1) Substantially revise and update the list of permitted and special exception uses in all zoning districts. This is long overdue, as the old list from the original zoning ordinance is quite restrictive and outdated.

2) Create a new Business District along Route 11 between Route 4A and Route 4 in the vicinity of Belletetes and the Transfer station. One of the significant findings from the town-wide survey done for the 2013 Master Plan is that town residents would be in favor of locally-owned and operated business, with appropriate standards and safeguards. Creation of Andover's first business district is a way to do this.

3) Revise the procedures for granting special exceptions. In 1978, the zoning ordinance was amended to allow any use in any zoning district by special exception. This has worked, after a fashion, for many years, but it is risky as it creates a possibility for any

use whatever to be allowed anywhere in Andover, reviewed and approved only by the appointed Zoning Board of Adjustment.

If a new, expanded, and updated list of permitted and special exception uses is adopted, this risky provision will no longer be needed.

4) Add provisions for one "accessory apartment" to be created as an accessory use at a residential property. This would allow an apartment to be created for a relative, accessory to a main dwelling, and also allow a residential property owner to create a small apartment for the property for rental.

5) Adopt a more accurate zoning map, updated with the changes from proposed amendments above (if they are adopted).

6) Revise the land use provisions for the residential area of the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club to be more in line with the land use practices of the Club. The current Rural Residential zoning is not a good fit.

In summary, Andover has an updated Master Plan as of 2013. Our current zoning ordinance, which has served Andover well for nearly 40 years, needs to be updated to reflect two generations of change, including changes in the town itself, changes in state law, and advances in land use planning.

The Planning Board would like to know your ideas and opinions in order to draft proposed changes that will best serve Andover.

**Andover High School Reunion on July 11**

**Judy Perreault, AHS '53**

*School days, school days,  
Dear old Golden Rule days...*

It's hard to forget them when they played such an important part of our lives. They were a long time ago, but patterns established there have shaped and guided our lives.

Learning didn't cease when we graduated; it just took a different form. How many times have we said, "I wish I knew then what I know now." Andover High was a small school, but when tossed into a bigger pool, our students excelled.

We were also good at writing poetry. This year it seems like we went right from winter to summer and somehow lost a season, so Beverly Rivers' poem from 1953 is a little reminder of what

we missed:

**Spring**

*Deep in the Canadian Rockies, the brooks go running past,*

*While on the plains, cowboys are riding hard and fast.*

*The lakes were rough and blue, the trees were tall and green,*

*The flowers were covered with dew. It's really a beautiful scene.*

Join us at the reunion, and we can discuss where we have been and what we have done, catch up with friends, and enjoy some good food. Time: Saturday, July 11. Place: Ordway Recreational Area in South Danbury. Bring a chair, drink, food to share, and pictures.

It would be interesting to see some wedding albums. I bet many of our high school friends are featured.

**Fire from page 1**

The fire had spread to the woods, ultimately involving about two and a half acres. Worse, because of the persistent dryness this spring, the fire was burning deep into the ground – up to 10" deep in many places.

It was a long night, with the Andover team joined by fire departments from Franklin, Danbury, Wilmot, Salisbury, Tilton/Northfield, and Hill by the time the fire was contained and extinguished. There was also equipment and hose provided by the state Division of Forests and Lands. And Dave Pilla, Proctor's Woodlands Manager, was a valuable asset, guiding the fire fighters through the woods he knows so well and, with a sawyer crew, felling burning trees into the fire to keep them from falling outward and spreading the blaze.

Getting back and forth to the fire scene was a big problem, as the first-

quarter moon provided little illumination and soon set. But with a quick text message, dozens of glow-sticks were located on the Proctor campus and pressed into service as a trail of glowing blazes leading fire fighters to and from the fire scene. "These should be part of our standard equipment for nighttime fires," said John Kinney, chief of Andover's Emergency Medical Service and source of the inspiration for lighting the trail.

It was a bad night to have a fire, as there were a number of other structure fires and woods fires within our mutual aid area that tied up resources that otherwise might have been thrown at the Andover fire. But by mid-day on Monday, Memorial Day, the fire was out and the long monitoring operation was beginning. "Because of the dryness, this fire burned so deep that we'll be monitoring the site for days," said Rene. Dave Pilla and his Proctor woods crew will play a key role in that monitoring.

**Trailer from page 1**

tion under the floor, and burrowed under the building and even under the area in front of the building. The walls are full of rat excrement, which turns to dust and is a huge health hazard to those who inhale it for extended periods of time.

Of course, the Town must keep its employees and the general public safe, so, as an interim measure, the new office trailer was put in place and use of the old building was discontinued.

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Together with our police, EMS, and fire department, Andover Emergency Services celebrated with an Appreciation Night on Friday, April 24, at Alan's of Boscawen. We thanked our Precinct Treasurer John Cotton, Commissioner Roger Kidder, Precinct Secretary Kitty Kidder, and Commissioner Les Fenton, all of whom are retiring from many years of service to our town. Chief Lefebvre was recognized for his leadership and dedication to our fire departments, as we joined East Andover with Andover into one strong department. Thank you, Chief! It was a great night out for all, and we look forward to doing this again! Photo and caption: Meghan Barton

## Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse Opens for 2015 Season

### 38-star flag will fly for Flag Day

Donna Baker-Hartwell  
Andover Historical Society

The Tucker Mountain one-room schoolhouse will be open for visitors on Sunday, June 14, from 1 to 3 PM. This is the first of five monthly Open House events sponsored by the Andover Historical Society. The second Sunday of each month, through October, is the designated open house date. Visits may also be arranged by calling Pat Cutter at 735- 5628 or Donna Baker-Hartwell at 735-5586.

June 14 is Flag Day, and the schoolhouse will proudly fly its 38-star flag donated by Wally Grover of New London. The reason the schoolhouse has a 38-star flag is that in 1887 – the year the famous old photo of the schoolhouse that we re-enacted in 2010 was taken – the US flag had 38 stars on it.

According to the 1893 Town Report, flags were issued to each of Andover's 19 or so school districts. Unfortunately, the Tucker Mountain School closed in 1893, so it is unlikely that there was a flag in the classroom during its operation. If you visit on Flag Day, you will have the opportunity to learn more trivia about the United States Flag.

The schoolhouse was built in 1837

and served the mountain community for 56 years. Visitors will find it in nearly original condition. Artifacts of the



The Tucker Mountain Schoolhouse will fly its 38-star flag when it opens on Sunday, June 14.

times will be on display. Homemade cookies and herbal tea will be served. Follow the signs from Route 11 in East Andover. The schoolhouse is located two miles up Tucker Mountain Road from the Highland Lake Inn on Maple Street.

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## Making Andover Nice

Thank you for the continued good work at the Beacon – the quality of the newspaper is a constant reminder of so many things that make me happy with my decision to call Andover home.

I wanted to share a recent experience. Yearly, I try to participate in clean-up day at the Andover Historical Society in Potter Place. It seems each year fewer and fewer people show up for this event, or are able to do so, or are even still around to participate! It's amazing that each passing year, the word "mortality" becomes more clearly defined for me.

For me, the Historical Society's cellar hole garden is a special haven where I escape, even if just for a moment of sanity, peace, and quiet in an otherwise frenzied world. Over the past few weeks I've stopped by the garden as the snow has dissipated to pick up twigs and limbs and to poke among the the leaves to try to capture an early sign of spring. Each time I stopped, it was apparent that someone else had also been there.

Curiosity demanded I find out who

else had been working at the garden. I found the normal list of suspects – Sarah Will, Alex Estin, and Pat Cutter – and there are others, I am sure.

Last week I stopped by, rake in hand, to begin in earnest cleaning up the winter debris. As I approached, Charlotte Clark straightened up from a stooped position in the garden. She smiled, we spoke a

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bit, then she quietly and meaningfully continued carefully removing leaves and twigs from among the garden plants.

It is this kind of thoughtfulness, kindness, caring, and concern that again reminds me of how lucky I am to be a small part of this community.

To everyone in public service and those in the community-at-large who work at making Andover a nice community, please know that I appreciate it. Thank you.

*Ken Reid*

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Thanks!



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## Andover Real Estate Transactions, April and May 2015

April 16 through May 15, 2015

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On April 30, Carmen Bates deeded 5.13 acres on Route 4A to Habitat for Humanity.

On May 1, Caleb Matthew and Rebecca Dunklee sold 95 Flaghole Road to Karen Nguyen for \$112,000. Mary Lou Cummings of Country Houses Real Estate assisted both the seller and

the buyer. The 744-square foot house has 2 bedrooms and 1 bath and sits on 4.3 acres.

On May 15, Kurt Zwicker and Susan Stetson sold 72 Hall Road to James and Valerie Crone for \$234,000. Marybeth Angeli of Angeli and Associates assisted the seller; Frances Brown of Brown Family Realty assisted the buyer. The 1,698-square foot house has 2 bedrooms and 2½ baths and sits on 2.02 acres.

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## Andover Energy Group: Protect Incentive Program

### Renewable energy progress at risk

At their regular monthly meeting on May 7, members of the Andover Energy Group in attendance signed and sent the following letter to State Senator Andrew Hosmer.

Dear Senator Hosmer:

We are concerned about the budget proposed by the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Specifically, we are appalled by the attempt to divert \$51 million from the "dedicated" renewable energy incentive program to fill gaps in the 2015 general budget.

At a time when state residents are beginning to make significant progress in becoming more energy-independent by installing solar hot water systems, making their homes more efficient through air sealing and insulation, adding photovoltaic (PV) panels to their roofs, and upgrading heating/cooling systems, it makes no sense to abruptly end the incentives that were put in place by the legislative process that were designed to help the state become less dependent

on imported oil, coal, gas, and electric power. Of course this benefit goes hand in hand with reducing carbon emissions while creating local jobs for installers, technicians, and sales people.

For example, our group has recently helped coordinate an initiative that resulted in doubling of the amount of electricity produced by PV panels in our town. This effort was facilitated by the Vital Communities organization in the Upper Valley. The New Hampshire renewable energy incentives served as a key element for the residents in Andover as well as in several other communities who also took part in this initiative.

We urge you and your fellow state senators to support the governor's budget proposal that leaves the renewable energy incentive program fully funded in the next budget cycle.

Respectfully,  
Larry Chase  
Susan Chase  
Gisela Darling  
Steve Darling  
Members of the Andover Energy Group

Vicky Mishcon  
Janet Moore  
Andy Prokosch  
Nancy Teach

## Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord: May 2015

### Ratzki forms coalition against shifting costs to towns

which could result in a miscarriage, passed 193 to 159.

SB 106, restricting the sale or possession of synthetic drugs, sailed through on a vote of 233 to 120.

SB 30, permitting counties with unincorporated areas to establish tax financing districts, was designed to allow the Balsams Resort owners to get state guarantees for the borrowing of \$30 million to finish this project in the North Country. The State does not lend the money to the Balsams owners, but it could be liable if the Balsams owners default. This flew through the House on a vote of 293 to 57.

We are still waiting for the Senate to send their version of the budget to the House. It is worth noting that the Senate Finance committee restored full flood control payments to affected towns, including Salisbury. Chair Senator Forrester and our own Senator Andrew Hosmer, as well as the other four members of the committee, deserve our thanks.

I have started a Coalition of Legislators Against Downshifting (CLAD) in the House. We had the New Hampshire Municipal Association come and give a talk about the effect of the state downshifting costs to towns and municipalities and the resulting hike in local property taxes to make up the difference. I hope to have Mayor Loseau of Nashua speak at the next CLAD meeting on Wednesday, June 3, our next session day.

Tick and black fly season is in full swing. Cover yourselves when outdoors.

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

### Mario Ratzki NH State Representative

The best news coming out of Concord was the Governor's recognition of Ms. Grace Anderson of Salisbury for her 37 years of volunteer work with the elderly. Ms Anderson was the Merrimack County recipient for the Vaughan Award.

While I, as State Representative, nominated her, credit should go to Larry Chase for his interviews with Ms Anderson and the staff at Franklin Regional Hospital. He then wrote the winning essay which resulted in Ms Anderson being selected for the award. Thank you, Larry, and congratulations to Ms Anderson.

The House has been voting on Senate bills for the last few sessions. SB 113, the two casinos bill, came out of Ways and Means with 11 to 10 recommendation to pass, but it failed on the House floor by a surprising 223 to 141.

On the other hand, SB 116, repealing license requirements for carrying concealed weapons, won handily by a partisan vote of 212 to 150. This bill would basically make it okay for anyone to have weapons without any permit and background checks. The Governor has promised to veto this bill.

SB 105, relative to child resistant packaging for tobacco products, failed on a vote of 210 to 143.

SB 40, which would give an eight-weeks fetus the same recognition as a person in case of criminal offenses

# Andover's Yankee Trader

**Mahogany desk:** US Army Quartermaster desk from Fort Sherman, Canal Zone circa 1930-1940. Requires a truck and two people to move it. See Deb at the Transfer Station.

**Shot gun:** 10 gauge single barrel; 3 brass shells for reloading, and equipment. \$350 cash. 735-5529

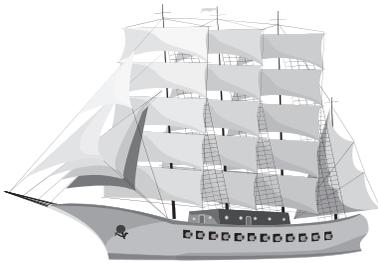
**Gravelly riding tractor:** 16 HP, 52" mower deck, 40" snowblower, best offer. 735-5217

**Men's paintball pants:** size medium, \$50; **Off-road motorcycle gear:** Goretex Enduro jacket, \$75; helmets, \$10-\$30; pants, size 32, \$20; boots, size 5, \$25; chest guard, \$15; kidney belt, \$5; tool belt, \$10; gear bag, \$25. 848-5762.

**Desk:** reproduction colonial lift-top with shelves, \$50. **File cabinet:** metal 3-drawer, \$10. **Nesting side tables:** reproduction, \$20. 731-6319 or JMPcille@tds.net.

**Rockwell 10" Unisaw:** model 34-761. **Viking sewing machine:** about 12 years old, used very little, still in box, \$350. **Patio set:** round cedar table with four director's chairs, umbrella with stand, \$100. 526-4236.

**Leaf blower (gas):** \$45. **Generator lead wire:** 40': \$35. **Welding wire:** 40'+: \$35. **Transfer pump:** Black Hawk, \$35. **78 RPM records:** good condition, 100+, \$3 each, take all. **Antique Singer sewing machine:** \$65 obo. **Antique bean thrasher:** \$25 obo. **Hand hay rake:** like new, \$25.



**Two pitchforks:** one new: \$25 for both. 526-2262.

**Extension ladders:** 16' for \$40; 12' for \$30. **Step ladders:** 8' for \$15. **Ladder:** 12' for \$15. **Wheelbarrow:** Plastic body, excellent condition, \$10. **John Deere HD-45:** self-propelled walk-behind mower, 48" cut, \$2,000. **Troy-Bilt brushcutter mower:** \$50. **Troy-Bilt rototiller:** 6 HP, \$400. **LP records:** about 200 mostly classical contemporary from 1965 to 1985, \$1 each. **45 RPM records:** about 100 mostly rock and roll, 50¢ each. **Treadle sewing machines:** White, circa 1925, in excellent condition, \$200; Singer, circa 1918, excellent condition, \$250. **Folding tables:** aluminum top surface, \$15 each. **Syrup collection tank:** 250 gallons, plastic, skid mountable, \$100. **20,000 books:** mostly science-fiction, hard and soft cover, plus comic books; random pick, by the case, \$25 each. 735-5427 or stoneanarch@tds.net.

## Andover Police Department, April 2015

Andover Police Department handled 370 calls for service in April.

- Assist Citizen: 5
- Assist Motorist: 3
- Business Check: 9
- Criminal Mischief: 2
- Dog Loose: 4
- Domestic Dispute: 2
- House Check: 153
- Keep the Peace: 1
- Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident: 10
- Traffic Accident: 4
- Traffic Warning: 109

• Welfare Check: 1

### Arrests

- Douglas Smith, 26, Andover; Duty to Inform
- William R. Hill, 59, Columbia, Maryland; DWI Subsequent, Operation after Suspension, Disobeying a Police Officer, Criminal Trespass
- Floyd Angus, 40, Laconia; Burglary, Resisting Arrest
- Justin Gauthier, 36, Tilton; Burglary, Resisting Arrest
- Adam Deeney, 32, Andover; Domestic Violence

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A big "Thank you!" goes to Deb Huntoon and Concord Hospital for the new office furniture in the Selectmen's office. For the nominal fee of \$1, the Town received the new L-shaped desks, file cabinet, and mail center. The desks provide a much-needed increase in work space, and the organized mail center is very efficient. Caption: Marj Roy. Photo: Charlie Darling

**Fourth of July is Coming Soon!**

**Fireworks will launch from Proctor Ski Area**

**Andrew Perkins**  
Fourth of July Committee

Andover's 73rd annual Fourth of July celebration is approaching very fast. There is a lot to do still to get ready.

Applications have been sent out for participants in the parade. If you have a float, an antique car, band, fire apparatus, etc. and would like to be a parade participant, please contact Irene Haley at 455-5656. Some notable participants will be the New Hampshire Pipes and Drums, Leapin' Lena, and Captain Morrill's Company, to name just a few.

Anyone can participate in the parade! Remember, the theme this year is Summertime. Make a float, organize a band, do anything you can imagine.

This year the fireworks will be launched from the Proctor Ski Area. The area is a little higher than the previous location and is much more safe and secure for the public to enjoy the fireworks spectacle. Great viewing spots will be Carr Field and the Village Green.

As of the last meeting of the Fourth of July Committee, there were already over 20 vendors signed up for the festivities on the Village Green. In addition to the flea market there will be handcrafted jewelry, clothing, whirligigs, leather products, soap, maple products, bands, food, raffles, and much more.

There is still time and space if you want a space. If you are interested,

please contact Doug Phelps at Doug.Phelps80@gmail.com.

Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated. The programs for this wonderful event will be out late June. They will be at the post offices, Jake's Market, Belletete's, and the Lake Sunapee Bank, to name a few places.

**Rain Date**

This year, plans are in place in case the weather on July 4 is a problem. If the weather's bad on the Fourth, the fireworks and the festivities on the Village Green will be moved to Sunday, July 5.

The parade will have to be cancelled, as the permit is only for July 4. If it's cancelled, participants are encouraged to bring their floats to the beginning of Lawrence Street, next to the Proctor Block, at 11 AM on Sunday, July 5, for the public to enjoy and for judging and prizes. Bands that had intended to march in the parade are invited to perform on July 5 on the Village Green instead.

The decision whether to switch to the rain date or not will be made by 6 PM on July 3, and shortly after that, the notice will go out via the Fourth of July Committee's Facebook page, the Town Web site, the Beacon Web site, and the cable TV channel on TDS (channel 16) and Comcast (channel 8).

The next meeting of the Fourth of July Committee will be on Tuesday, June 2, at 7 PM at the Andover Fire Station. If you're interested in volunteering, stop by. Questions: Bob Ward at 735-5061 or Irene Haley at 455-5656.

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# TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Board of Selectmen

April 6

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Chairman Coolidge, Selectman Delaney; Howard George, Wendy Pinkham, John Thompson, Ed Becker, Tom Franz, John Kinney, and Town Administrator (TA) Marj Roy.

Chairman Coolidge announced Sophie Viandier's resignation and the Board voted to appoint Vicky Mishcon to fill the position until March 2016.

### Road Agent

John Thompson mentioned that he is fighting to keep ahead of the muddy roads by putting down gravel.

The lettering is on the new truck, and the Yorke rake is in use. The walk mowers have been purchased.

John would like a thank-you letter to be sent to John McDonald for helping the Town to save money on equipment purchased.

John and Selectmen Delaney visited the Lake View Cemetery to check about reactivating water.

### Conservation Committee

**Highland Lake Island:** Chairman Coolidge mentioned to Selectmen Delaney that the rules and guidelines for use of Island need to be reviewed.

### Semi-Annual Tax Billing

Ed Becker spoke about his objection to semi-annual tax billing.

Town Administrator Marj Roy said the tax warrant in November 2014 was \$5 million, and to-date, 66 tax payers owe a total of over \$200,000.

Budget Committee member Wendy Pinkham stated that the purpose behind twice a year tax billing is so the Town will not have to borrow money to pay bills at the end of the year. Wendy also mentioned that the Department of Revenue said that for the whole state, only five towns are left that do annual tax bills.

The state mandates 12% interest starting 30 days from the tax billing date, and then it changes to 18% interest 90 days after the bill due date.

Jeff Newcomb wondered if there

might be a pattern of the people with delinquent taxes being seasonal workers?

### Tax Collector

Joanna Sumner spoke about liening at Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club. Joanna spoke to the Tax Collector Association reference RSA 75:3.

The Town can't lien on the association because we didn't set it up in advance with the association, and you can't lien anyone or any association if they haven't been billed.

### Andover EMS

John Kinney told the Selectmen that he purchased the Cardiac Monitor plus three AEDs for a total cost of \$32,013.57 from Physio Control, and the company gave \$3,000 for trade-in of the old model.

### Andover Police

Chief Glenn Laramie spoke about the new security system being installed in the Town Office, which includes four cameras, IT support, a flat-screen monitor, lifetime support, and training. Capitol Alarm made a considerable donation with a price break for the Town.

Chief Laramie requested the money to be paid out of the Police Department Revolving account. Selectmen Delaney motioned for vote and Chairman Coolidge approved.

### Recreation Committee

Tom Franz, Howard George, Chris Norris were all at the meeting. The Selectmen asked the committee if they could give the Town a list of when and what they do for the Blackwater Park field. Nature Safe fertilizer is used, and it is kid- and Blackwater River-safe.

John Thompson spoke on how he is planning on keeping the fields up. John asked the committee when the fertilizer should be applied, and Howard stated that he would apply it in June, July, and September. Watering is done every other day; spray once a year to kill bugs.

See Selectmen on page 10

## Office Hours & Meetings

### OFFICE HOURS

**Town Office:** Mon-Thu 9-2  
Fridays by appointment only  
**Town Clerk & Tax Collector:**  
Mon, Wed, Thu, 9-2  
Tue, 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, 2:45-5; 6:30-8:30  
Fri, 1:30-5  
**Transfer Station:**  
Wed, 7-6 EDT, 7-5 EST  
Sat, 7-5  
**Swap Event (May-Oct):**  
2nd Sat (rain: 3rd Sat), 8-12  
Transfer Station

### MEETINGS

*At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted*

**Board of Selectmen:**  
1st & 3rd Mon, 6  
**Planning Board:** 2nd & 4th Tue, 7  
**Capital Improvement Planning:**  
Last Thu, 7  
**Zoning Board of Adjustment:**  
3rd Tue, 7  
**Conservation:** 2nd Wed, 7:30  
**Recreation:** 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:** Mon, 7  
**Andover EMS:** 2nd Tue, 7  
East Andover Fire Station  
**School Board:** 1st Tue (except July  
and August), 6:30, AE/MS

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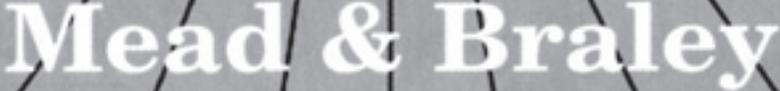
### JUNE

1: Board of Selectmen, 6  
1: Fire Department, 7  
2: Building Permits, 6-7  
2: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30  
3: 4th of July, Andover Fire Station, 7  
9: Building Permits, 6-7  
9: Planning Board, 7  
9: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7  
9: Andover EMS,  
East Andover Fire Station, 7  
10: Conservation Commission, 7:30  
13: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12  
15: Board of Selectmen, 6  
15: Fire Department, 7  
16: Building Permits, 6-7  
16: Zoning Board, 7  
18: Library Trustees, 7  
23: Building Permits, 6-7  
23: Planning Board, 7

25: Capital Improvement Comm, 7  
30: Building Permits, 6-7

### JULY

3: Town Offices **CLOSED**  
6: Board of Selectmen, 6  
6: Fire Department, 7  
7: Building Permits, 6-7  
14: Building Permits, 6-7  
14: Planning Board, 7  
14: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7  
14: Andover EMS,  
East Andover Fire Station, 7  
15: Conservation Commission, 7:30  
16: Library Trustees, 7  
20: Board of Selectmen, 6  
20: Fire Department, 7  
21: Building Permits, 6-7  
21: Zoning Board, 7  
28: Planning Board, 7



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**Selectmen from page 9**

Howard said that he would supervise the aerating and fertilizing. John asked if the committee would mind doing the aerating and fertilizing this year. The committee agreed to aerate, fertilize, and put the lines on the field.

**Town Administrator**

Marj Roy handed the Board a list of her job responsibilities.

**Emery Road:** Planning Board needs to vote on the recommendation as to what action to take for the Class 6 road.

**April 20**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

**Present:** Selectmen Coolidge, Delaney, and Mishcon, Town Administrator (TA) Roy, Road Agent Thompson

**Road Agent**

Road Agent John Thompson reported that the cost of the gravel crushing at the Transfer Station is projected to be \$10,400. Some of the gravel will be used for the Switch Road project and will provide significant savings there.

Thompson also reported the cost of the screening project at the Transfer

Station is projected to be \$20,525. The products from this operation will be available for use on the Switch Road project and will provide significant savings there.

Thompson reported that on April 25, he toured the cemeteries/graveyards with Cemetery Trustees Keyser, Cutter, and Reed and TA Roy. The difference between a cemetery and a graveyard is that a cemetery is still in use for burials.

The group toured 11 of Andover's burial grounds. This gave the new trustees a chance to learn about each and gave Thompson a basis for maintenance plans for each. Trustee Cutter had some very interesting stories along the way.

**White Oak Pit:** Thompson hopes to arrange electricity installation for the shed. Andover Fencing is preparing a quote for securing an area for equipment.

**Switch Road:** RD Edmunds will quote everything, including paving. Pike will quote paving only.

Thompson will mark trees along Switch Road that need cutting. He is getting prices from loggers.

**Town Administrator**

The Board directed TA Roy to notify New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) that Town officials wish to be present when Highland Lake Dam is inspected early this summer. This dam is classified as "high hazard" because there is a house just downstream that has finished space in the basement. The Town submitted a historical study to DES five years ago as the first step in reducing the dam's classification.

TA Roy reported that the Legal line of the budget will exceed the approved amount. This is due to the utility assessing law suits that have been ongoing for several years and are now being heard by the Board of Tax and Land Appeals and in Superior Court.

**Cilleysville-Bog Bridge**

Mark Stetson came to the meeting in response to remarks made at Town Meeting regarding the Cilleysville-Bog Bridge and the right-of-way to it. The new Route 11 was completed in 1957, and the Town voted to make subject gates and bars the

approaches of the old covered bridge at Cilleysville, which was voted to be closed to all except pedestrian travel by the 1957 Town Meeting.

**Planning Board**

The Planning Board requested permission to mail Notice of Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments in the June and November tax bills. The Tax Collector is willing to include the notices, but the Selectmen's authorization is required. The Planning Board will have a volunteer to help stuff the envelopes.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to allow the notices to go out with the tax bills but will need to review the draft letter as soon as possible.

**Burglary**

Andover Police Chief Laramie reported there had been a burglary on Flaghole Road and that Sergeant Joe Mahoney went back to the property the night following the burglary, found two individuals burglarizing the property again, gave chase, called for back-up, and with the help of the State Police Canine Unit caught the burglars a good distance away. Great job, Sergeant Mahoney!

**Planning Board**

**April 14**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

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

**Also present** for duration of appropriate items: Herb Barton; Will Ames; John Ferris; Bill Stack; Jerry Hersey; Jim Hersey; and Andy Deegan of Ausbon Sargent

**Elwin Barton:** Non-binding consultation for proposed gravel removal

Mr. Barton explained that his proposal is to level and sell any excess gravel at his property on Potter Road. The Board advised Mr. Barton that he would need a permit if selling the gravel.

The excavation regulations were reviewed with Mr. Barton. Warzocha advised that it was his understanding that if he is to disturb more than one acre, he would need a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Warzocha also advised that it was his understanding that if there is more than 100,000 square

See Planning on page 11



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<u>Double Z Ranch</u>	<u>Margaret Hoyle</u>
<u>Fred's Farm</u>	<u>Stevens Homemade</u>
<u>Fruitcake Farm</u>	<u>Sweet Balm</u>
<u>Good Enough Farm</u>	<u>Two Mountain Farm</u>
<u>Grafton Glass</u>	<u>Tarte Café and Bakery</u>
<u>Hibernating Artists</u>	<u>Veteran's Ecoworld, Inc.</u>
<u>Highland Lake Apple Farm</u>	<u>Yiayia's Creations</u>

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**Planning from page 10**

feet, he would need an Alteration of Terrain permit from NHDES. Mr. Barton indicated he will think more about this proposal.

**Sam Hill Road Subdivision:** Jerry Hersey, with Andy Deegan of ASLPT

Deegan advised that the easement provided for a two-acre reserve lot to be taken out and offered his perspective. If there was more road frontage taken from the road, the log landing would need to be relocated, and there is not enough room due to the presence of wetlands. An average 100-foot buffer is required from the brook.

He has a concern for creating an easement on the subdivided lot. The owner does not care for logging and feels the log landing would be better off left with the parcel with the conservation easement. He stated that the easement provides for no impact to the forestry or water quality of the brook.

The proposed lot is the only buildable area on the property. Currier stated Hersey would need to apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance to the road frontage requirement. Warzocha was concerned it would not meet the variance criteria; that the well radius should be all within the new lot, and the configuration poses some challenges.

Jim Hersey stated that the frontage controls the density and no one else could create a new lot. Urie stated that creating a lot should follow regulations of subdivision.

Currier advised that Mr. Hersey needs to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance and the Planning Board would be willing to testify to the Zoning Board. A waiver of the 4:1 depth-to-width ratio in subdivision regulations is also needed.

The Planning Board will consider this and act on it when the Zoning Board of Adjustment action is complete and the subdivision application is before the Planning Board.

**Proctor Academy:** Non-binding consultation; completeness determination; Site Plan Review for new dining hall

Mr. Stack presented the plans for the proposed new dining facility. The building will be located in front of the field house; will be two-story; and will maintain the New England look and feel. Applications have been submitted to DES AOT Section; a Permit By Notice to replace the pipe and headwall for the culvert; and a driveway permit for the drive entrance.

This property is not in the 100-year floodplain. The plan meets all setback requirements.

Several test pits have been done on-site already. The project will relocate the existing roadway up to the field house, and the current drive will be converted to a walkway. It will enlarge the Carriage House driveway and eliminate the driveways for Farr Cottage and 246 Main Street. A new waterline to the building will be installed, and one fire hydrant will be removed and another

added in a new location.

The front of the current dining hall will be repurposed; however, neither the number of students nor faculty will be increased. The intent is for a net-zero building with a solar array and geothermal heating and cooling. The septic tank and leach field for Farr Cottage will be replaced. The lighting will be LED full cut-off and will not increase the light lumens more than allowed.

The Board asked if there are plans to merge the lot for 246 Main Street to the full campus, as it would be easier to do at this time. The Board is requesting a plan of boundaries; input from the fire chief for fire truck access; input from the Andover Village District regarding work on the water lines and hydrant placement; and what the plans for re-purposing of the existing dining hall are.

The rules for modification need to be reviewed to verify that they don't need a site plan review for the re-purposed area. The Board will review the application for completeness on April 28, and a public hearing will be scheduled for May 12.

**Administrative Assistant**

The Board reviewed the draft memo to the Selectmen regarding additional support for Planning Board administrative duties. The Board voted unanimously in favor of submitting the memo to the Board of Selectmen.

**Emery Road**

As the Board is unsure what the property owners would like, the Board voted to request that the Board of Selectmen send a letter to the property owners. This action was to establish Planning Board concurrence to the e-mail and attachments the Planning Board Chair sent to the Board of Selectmen on April 4.

**Public Hearing**

The Board voted unanimously in favor of requesting that the Board of Selectmen vote to allow a public hearing notice for the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments go out with the June tax bills.

**Conservation Commission**

**April 8**

*Condensed from approved minutes*  
**Members present:** Mary Anne Broshek, Larry Chase, Tina Cotton, Derek Mansell, guest Sandra Graves; Excused: Nan Kaplan, Jerry Hersey

**Correspondence**

**Wetlands Permit** for building of new Proctor dining hall: Mary Anne to sign and bring to Town Office.

**Capital improvements** letter from Board of Selectmen: Think about potential projects for next meeting.

**Saving Special Places** brochure: No members attending.

**DES compliance regions** and contact information: The new Andover contact for reporting non-compliance issues is Jason Aube at Jason.Aube@DES.nh.gov or 271-4056.

**Conserved lands charts:** Derek has updated the conserved lands chart and will be doing as much monitoring as possible while he is in New Hampshire for the month of April.

**Knotweed:** Sophie Viandier is leaving New Hampshire. The Board of Selectmen would like the Conservation Commission to take on the knotweed project. Larry will check with New Hampshire stewardship group, Derek will make contact with Proctor, and Mary Anne will check with permaculture folks for new ideas on controlling and eliminating knotweed.

**Other Business**

**New Bradley Lake sign** due to change in rules: The Conservation Commission will vote at the May meeting on contributing to the cost of the sign at Bradley Lake. In the past, the Town has paid for the sign. Larry will get the measurements of the current sign and Mary Anne will give these to Lois to get a cost estimate. Larry will work on the new wording to coincide with the latest DES rules.

**Halcyon Island** in Highland Lake: The Conservation Commission recommendations have been sent to Tom Frantz, Chair of Recreation Committee for comment. Once they have reviewed, the packet will again be sent to the Board of Selectmen for final review and public hearing. Conservation Commission members believe there is a role for the Conservation Commission in contributing to the cost of new signs. Final decision pending Board of Selectmen approval.

The recommendations have been revised to reflect information received in a letter from the Loon Preservation

Committee showing the partnership between that organization and the New Hampshire Bureau of Dams in lowering water levels to protect loon nesting sites.

**Planning Updates**

**Hike:** Nan and Larry, with perhaps a co-sponsorship with the Andover Community Association.

**Rain Gardens:** to be determined  
**Plant Sale:** Mary Anne and Derek  
**Wildlife Plantings:** to be determined  
**Pollinators** and Monarch Butterflies: Mary Anne

**Worm Composting:** to be determined  
**Trails:** Derek is looking into re-establishing a trail around the heron rookery that could be used when herons are not nesting.

**Bog Pond** and Business District: Mary Anne

**Town Forest:** Larry will do some research on what and how.

**Updating the Town Web Site**

**Natural Resources Inventory:** Tina has given DVD to Elita. Larry will see if the library has hard copies.

**Minutes:** Larry will get the minutes from the last 12 months to Elita.

**Banner:** Larry obtained an Andover Conservation Commission banner to be used at events. Members voted unanimously to reimburse Larry the cost of \$59.99.

**Town Meeting:** Warrant Article #21, sponsored by the Conservation Commission, was approved.

**Miscellaneous**

**Non-resident meeting** with the Selectmen: Larry will pursue.

**HERBICIDE USE NOTIFICATION**

The National Grid company plans to apply herbicides along certain rights-of-way in New Hampshire in 2015. In accordance with administrative rules of the State of New Hampshire Pesticide Control Board, no application of herbicides shall be made to rights-of-way, during the months of June through October 15, without first providing notification to Town officials, the public, and residences near the rights-of-way. This announcement serves to provide notification to the public.

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1669 (G33)	Hinsdale, Chesterfield
1825 (3386/3318/3315)	Monroe

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approximate date, plus or minus 5 days that pesticides will be applied to the right-of-way in your area. Requests should be made to the contact listed below.

Rights-of-way may be identified by locating a metal tag on a pole or structure with the following initials: "NEPCO" or "GSECO" and usually appear with a pole or structure number and the right-of-way number, see list above.

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## Fifty Years Ago in Andover: June 1965

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

### June 3, 1965

Enjoy gracious dining in the beautiful Candlelight Room at the Andover Meadow Inn. Hotel liquor license.

Cioffi's Pinehurst Restaurant. Steak & Mushroom Special - Homemade Sausage - Fresh Cut Veal - Homemade Lasagna on Saturday. Route 4, between West Andover and South Danbury. Open every day during the summer.

Congratulations go to Mr and Mrs Eddie Coffin Jr. on the birth of a son at New London Hospital on May 27.

Congratulations go to Mr Arthur and Mrs Beverly LaFrance on the birth of a daughter, Tammy Lynn, weighing four pounds, at Franklin Hospital on May 27.

### June 10, 1965

Governor King called a meeting of his special Drought Advisory Committee last week to consider means to combat the mounting shortage of water for crops, wells, and reservoirs throughout the state. That same day, the US Weather Bureau reported that rainfall for May was more than 2.5 inches below normal, making May the 48th month in the last 56 in which there has been a rainfall deficiency.

The governor disclosed that the state officials were considering the allocation of funds to hire W E Howell Associates of Lexington, Massachusetts to conduct another rainmaking experiment. After Howell Associates conducted a two-and-a-half-week cloud seeding effort in New Hampshire last November, spokesmen for the firm said rainfall during the period was 19% above normal.

The fire department was called out to a fire at the home of the Albert Hoyts last week. Much damage was done to the upstairs rooms. So glad no one was hurt, as one of the children was in bed. With the quick aid of the firemen, the blaze was put out.

Friday, June 11, the fifth and sixth grades will take a school trip to Concord, Massachusetts; Boston Museum of Fine Arts; Durgin Park; USS Constitution; Boston Museum of Natural Science; and other points of interest.

The graduating 8th grade class this year includes Edward Barton, Elwin Barton, Karyn Carpenter, Kathryn Carpenter, Cheryl Downes, Brenda Dukette, Sharon Fair, Paul Hersey, Donna

Huntoon, Rebecca Jewett, Ellen Johnson, Ralph Lewis Jr, Gordon Lull Jr, Marie Morrill, Dennis Ordway, Connie Powers, Ann Richards, Bernard O'Reilly, James Shanellaris, and Keith Weed.

### June 17, 1965

Forty-two Proctor Academy boys graduated on Saturday, with ceremonies held in front of Cary House. Mr. Lovejoy presented Headmaster Farrell with a gold-colored shovel with which to start construction of a new field house on Silo Hill, which is part of the newly acquired Carr Estate. The Senior Class at Proctor purchased a 1,200-gallon oil truck to be converted for use as a water truck for the Proctor Academy Fire Company Auxiliary.

Garry George, son of Mr and Mrs Howard George, had his tonsils out on Monday at Franklin Hospital. Kim Keyser, daughter of Mr and Mrs Allen Keyser, had her tonsils out at the Concord Hospital last Friday and returned home on Saturday.

Scott Ireland, Garry George, and Tommie Keyser graduated the Kiddie Korner Kindergarten in Salisbury recently.

The Henry Burney family's cow presented them with twin calves over the weekend.

### June 24, 1965

Miss Sandra Sirdifield, daughter of Mr and Mrs Horace Sirdifield of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and John Graves, son of Mr and Mrs John Graves of East Andover, were united in marriage at St Paul's Cathedral in Boston on Saturday, June 12.

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Congratulations go to Mr and Mrs William "Sandy" Bardsley on the birth of a daughter born at the New London Hospital on June 13. Baby was named Jenny, after her great-grandmother.

Donna Keyser, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred Keyser, had the honor of perfect attendance again this year at Andover. This is Donna's seventh year in a row for perfect attendance! Donna will be working at Ragged Lake Camp for the summer.

Gary Peters, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Peters, had perfect attendance for first grade.

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## The Roads of Andover: Last Street

Once last to be repaired,  
last to be plowed

Rita Norander  
Andover Historical Society

Before leaving the area of the Andover/Franklin town line, I'd like to write about Last Street. For most of its existence, this road was unnamed, and there was only one house on it. Ralph Chaffee, in his 1974 book *East Andover and Its People*, tells of the historical significance of this particular house. It is a so-called "plank" house – one of only a few in town. The outside walls of a plank house are built of vertical planks rather than boarded studding, which was more commonly used.

The house may have been built by early settler John Sawyer (1771-1840) or by his son Josiah Sawyer (1808-1880) who lived there for many years. The house sits on the hill, overlooking Sucker Brook and the valley below. To gain access to this land, it was necessary for the settlers to cross the brook. At first, they probably forded the waterway as best they could. Later on, they may have built a pole bridge, and eventually one that was made from sawed planks and timbers.

In 1881, Charles C. Davis, a storekeeper and Andover selectman, became the new owner. His widow inherited the homestead in 1901, and eventually it became the home of her daughter, Ella Morey. Mrs. Morey and her hired hand, Herb Getchell, were living there in 1929, when my parents became their new neighbors. Ella Morey and Herb Getchell both died in 1945 – she at age 92, and he at age 70.

An estate auction was held following Mrs Morey's death. My parents attended the auction and bought a beautiful old bureau which we always referred to as "Mrs. Morey's bureau." It became a

beloved piece of furniture in our household, and after 50 years it became the cherished possession of my niece.

I was too young to remember the auction, but my sister Helen remembers how exciting it was. She said there were many people, and it lasted all day!

I often think of auctions with a touch of sadness, since they usually signal the end of an era, a generation, or a family's life in a particular place. On the other hand, an auction can be a new beginning for young couples, as they furnish their houses and start their new lives together.

This was the case with my parents, and the various items that they bought at auctions served them well. Many remain in the house today and are very special to me!

Henry and Muriel Pillsbury became the new owners of this property and lived there for 25 years. The Pillsburys were very active in town and became good friends with my parents, who were their nearest neighbors.

Henry served many years as a selectman, and it was he who suggested the road be named Last Street. According to Henry, "it was usually the last street to be repaired when needed and the last to be plowed out after a winter snowfall." Then too, it was the last street as you are leaving Andover. To me though – living so close to the town line – it seemed as if the name First Street would have been more appropriate.

When the Pillsburys decided to downsize in the early '70s, Carol and Steve Reep became the new owners. In the '90s the property was divided, and one of their sons built a house on the second lot. Carol continued to live in the original house until a few years ago, and it has recently been sold.

### A Stroll Up Last Street

For 40 years my father was the care-



Last Street was named by Henry Pillsbury, a selectman who lived there for 25 years.

taker for the Marcy family's summer estate near Webster Lake (Apple Farm Road today). "The Farm," as everyone called it, wasn't far from our house – as the crow flies – and was adjacent to the Last Street property. Mrs. Morey and the Pillsburys, who were living there during this time, generously allowed our family to walk through their property as we took a shortcut from our house to the Farm.

It was a lovely walk, as we traveled up the hill, through our neighbors' front yard, across their field, and through the break in the stone wall which separated the two properties. We followed the wooded path, which was lined on both sides by stone walls – perhaps the path was a road in bygone days.

As we approached the Marcy's apple orchard, we became very quiet, and we tip-toed past the bee hives on the other

side of the stone wall. Soon the path ended, and in front of us was a pleasant view of the horses in the pasture, the house and the barn, and in the distance, the lake.

It was a wonderful place to visit! We sometimes rode the horses, and we loved to climb on the big swing in the barn and pump with our legs until our toes touched the roof.

Depending on the season, we sometimes helped our father with the large gardens, the haying, or the apple picking. Usually though, going to the Farm was just a fun thing to do. We would plan our trips close to my father's lunch hour or quitting time so we could ride home with him in the back of the truck – a cool and refreshing treat on a hot summer day, but something that isn't allowed today!





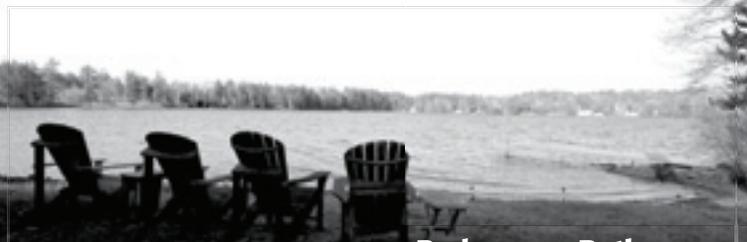
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be served.

## Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Minutes, April 15, 2015

Meetings to rotate  
among area towns

Condensed from draft minutes

FNRT board members present: Alex  
Bernhard, Steve Darling, Craig Heim,  
Myra Mayman, Joyce Morton, Ells-  
worth Morton, Peter Southworth, Bob  
Ward, and guest Larry Chase.

### Old Business

Maintenance. We reviewed our last  
maintenance meeting with Chris Gam-  
ache and snowmobile club members.  
Bob noted that Chris Gamache estimat-  
ed a cost of \$600 to \$2,000 on a New  
Hampshire trail (per mile) annual main-  
tenance, which is much higher than we  
have experienced in our 10 years of trail  
maintenance.

We discussed our annual mainte-  
nance budget, liability issues, railroad  
guard rails, and insurance to cover the  
FNRT board. Alex suggested Peter ask  
the Andover Board of Selectmen if the  
Town could mow the Andover portion  
of the Trail. Bob wondered about the  
five towns along the Rail Trail also con-  
tributing to trail maintenance, as well as  
Merrimack County. He will contact the  
County Commissioners.

Technology report. Steve reported he  
is considering a small Web site upgrade.

Map with hotels and restaurants.  
Steve Rayno is working on this.

Kiosks at two Welcome Centers.  
Ellsworth is making progress for the  
two locations: East Andover Fire Station  
and the Jamie Welch Park in Boscawen.

Rotating meeting locations. Alex  
suggested we meet in Franklin for  
our May meeting and continue with a  
regular meeting rotation in Andover,  
Boscawen, Franklin, and Danbury. We

will send out a targeted e-mail notifica-  
tion to the members of the host town.

Report on Boscawen signage. Jack  
Shields is working on the blue DOT  
signs around the Hannah Dustin rest  
area at the rotary. People would be di-  
rected to Commercial Street, where they  
could park and then ride on River Road  
to the River Road trail head. When the  
design is completed, Alex will bring us  
a budget to approve. Bob will arrange  
for the June meeting to take place in  
Boscawen.

### New Business

Bob reviewed a Franklin growth ini-  
tiative meeting focused on attracting an  
elderly population that highlighted the  
Northern Rail Trail. Bob also identified  
a proposed link from the Rail Trail to  
the 'Winnie' Trail.

Representing the Andover Historical  
Society (AHS), Larry Chase asked if  
FNRT would co-sponsor the opening of  
an exhibition of Charley Freiberg's pho-  
tographs of the Trail on National Trails  
Day on Saturday, June 6. We will invite  
FNRT members. The idea received lots  
of support, as we share the Potter Place  
trail head.

Larry also notified us that the AHS  
is planning to raze the Lull house next  
to the Potter Place store to provide rest-  
rooms for the public. The AHS is hop-  
ing we can help out with maintenance.

Joyce reported that there was a  
healthy and helpful response to a post-  
card mailing asking for people's e-mail  
addresses.

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

National Trails Day on Saturday,  
June 6.

May 20 meeting will be held at the  
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## Through the Reading Glasses, June 2015

### Fairy Houses are coming on June 14

Janet Moore  
Andover Libraries trustee

Summertime is just around the corner, and between the peepers, the peonies, and the black flies, it's quite a multi-sensory time. Get outside, grab the pine cones and acorns littering your garden, rake up the twigs and stones, and come on down to our third annual Fairy House event. Bring your child, bring yourself, and get ready to dig in the dirt and construct miniature dwellings for those winged woodland creatures.

We gather on Sunday, June 14, between 10 and 11:30 AM. Rain date is the

following Saturday. If you need inspiration, check out the books and DVDs on fairy houses at each library in town.

June brings thoughts of moving and re-settling, and three books come to mind. Neville is for the little ones, a picture book about finding friends in a new neighborhood.

Rosamund Pilcher's grand saga of World War II, *Coming Home*, details the lives of ordinary people as friends and family experience the war years in England and abroad. *Lonesome Dove*, by Larry McMurtry, will carry you away to the American West during the time of long and glorious cattle drives, as the final movement of a cowboy's life sends him home once again.

## Elkins Fish and Game Club Sends Nine Kids to Camp

### A week each at Barry Conservation Camp

Press release

On May 6, at its regular club meeting, the Elkins Fish and Game Club awarded nine camperships to area children for summer programs at Barry Conservation Camp located at the Berlin Fish Hatchery.

Attending North Country Adventure Camp will be Sadie Barton of Andover, Isabella Anzalone of New London, Erin Wheeler of Wilmot, Chloe Midgett of Sutton, and Isaiah Hernandez of Newport. Attending Fish Camp will be John Fraioli of Wilmot and Hunter Jatko of New London. Attending Hunter Education will be Michael Fraioli of Wilmot and Jonathan Tracy of Springfield.

The club has been sending children to camp since 1993, and these nine

campers bring the total sent to 115 boys and girls. Barry Conservation Camp is operated by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's 4-H Program in cooperation with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Camperships are for weeklong programs which focus on fishing, shooting sports, and hunter education. "These areas of interest fit the club's mission, and we are delighted each year to make this significant contribution to the area's youth," said Mike Gelcius, club president.

On Saturday, June 27, the club will hold its second annual Lake-a-thon on Lake Sunapee, where funds are raised to help with the camperships. Visit [ElkinsFishAndGame.net](http://ElkinsFishAndGame.net) for more information on how you can get involved in the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta or just enjoy this year's Lake-a-thon.

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## Center for the Arts Hosts Free Barn Playhouse Event

Catch a rehearsal of *Gypsy* on June 5

**Press release**

The community is invited to the Lake Sunapee Region Center for the Arts' First Friday program on Friday, June 5, from 5 to 7 PM at the New Lon-

don Barn Playhouse. The event is free and open to the public.

*Gypsy*, a musical by Jules Styne with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, is often referred to as the greatest musical of all time. It follows the 1920s rise of a legendary burlesque performer and her infamously overbearing mother, the indomitable Mama Rose. This Tony award-winning masterpiece features standards such as *Everything's Coming Up Roses*, *Let Me Entertain You*, and the show-stopping *Rose's Turn*.

*Gypsy* will run at the Barn Playhouse from Wednesday, June 17, through Sunday, June 28. Center for the Arts members get a 10% discount for any June performance. Performances run Tuesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM, Sundays at 5 PM, and Wednesdays at 2 PM. "See you on the Porch!"



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Bradford Bog People Woody Pringle and Beth Eldridge performed "American roots music" at the May 15 Andover Community Coffeehouse. The Bradford-based duo were among 13 acts performing before a near-capacity audience in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Photo: Larry Chase

## Andover Coffeehouse Wins Best in NH Award

Decatur Creek performs on June 19

**Press release**

Soup, sandwiches, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase beginning at 6 PM, thanks to members of the Andover Congregational Church, whose Grange Hall Renovation Fund benefits from the sales.

The three members of Decatur Creek – Jack Carlton, Steve Dionne, and Doug Farrell – are each accomplished New Hampshire musicians, singer/songwriters, and performers. They met as solo performers through local coffeehouses and open mics, attracted by each others' songwriting and musicianship. From their first performance together in 2012, "they realized there was musical chemistry that compelled further exploration," according to the musicians' statement. "Their diverse styles, backgrounds, and skills complement one another, and the group's evolving original acoustic sound will bring a smile to your face, rhythm to your feet, and leave you wanting more."

Coffeehouse performances are offered on the third Friday of each month, with some exceptions and additions. In July, for example, in addition to its regular "third Friday" event on July 17, the Coffeehouse team will stage a free outdoor concert in Andover Village on Friday evening, July 3, featuring Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band.

For up-to-date information about dates and scheduled performers, visit [AndoverCoffeeHouse.org](http://AndoverCoffeeHouse.org) or the Facebook page "Andover Community Coffeehouse."

Coffeehouse events since January have drawn close to a dozen open-mic performers each month. A photographic record of the performers is shown in the Web site, both headliners and open-mic participants. In May, for example, these included Sferes and White, featured performers; and open-mic participants Jim James; "Dr. Jack" Polidoro; Newfoundland Grass; Jim Makris; Irina Kirilenko, Chris Gilb, and Paul Hubert; Carl Beverley; Ron Towle, Pam, and Peter Burghardt; the Bradford Bog People; Greg Gage; the Thursday Night Supper Club; and Charles Collins.

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## Andover Congregational Church, June 2015

### Teen Challenge on June 28

#### Sandy Miller, ACC

A total of \$326 was collected for Samaritan's Purse's Give-a-Goat charity which gives cows, goats, sheep, chickens, etc. to third-world countries to help them provide for their own food.

This month we are doing a "baby bottle collection" for the Care Net Pregnancy Center in Laconia. Bottles were passed out on Mother's Day for people to put loose change in and are to be returned on Father's Day. This organization provides support and alternatives for those who are expecting a baby, with the goal to help them choose life.

We continue to provide food for both the Twin Rivers Food Closet and the Andover Food Pantry.

We are planning to host Teen Challenge on Sunday, June 28. Teen Challenge is a group of men from Brockton,

Massachusetts, who have had addiction problems and decided to join Teen Challenge to help them turn their lives around through the power of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

These men, of ages ranging from teens to 50s or older, will give testimony as to how they have changed and will also sing Christian songs. Please join us if you can.

Pastor John Wagner will be on Sabbathical for the summer, beginning on June 8. Guest ministers and members of the congregation will help out in his absence.

Vacation Bible School will take place this summer, but the date has not yet been determined – probably sometime in July or August.

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Andover Service Club members Gisela Darling, Kit Norris, Margo Coolidge, Miriam Bowne, and Caroline Ratzki dug into the plantings around Town Hall in May to set things right after a long winter. Photo: Charlie Darling

## Andover Service Club, May 2015

### Four scholarship winners to be announced soon

#### Mary Ofenloch, ASC president

Now that spring has finally arrived, the flowers are blooming, the squirrels are running up and down the trees, the birds are nesting and feeding their young chicks, and the mosquitoes and black flies are annoying everyone. This is the time when the Andover Service Club (ASC) Flower Committee is busy planting, weeding, and beautifying the flowerbeds at Town Hall and the flower boxes at the Thrift Shop.

On May 13, the ASC ladies met at the Highland Lake Grange Hall, where the agenda for the month included business reports, refreshments, and a Mystery

House Tour. The budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 was discussed, and a vote of approval will be taken on Wednesday, June 10, at the annual spring luncheon to be held at 74 Main in New London. The ladies will also be voting for a new slate of Executive Board officers.

The Scholarship Committee met to review nine qualifying applications for the ASC Merit Scholarship. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this month, with the winners to be announced shortly.

Monies for these awards are available because of ASC fundraising events and sales made at the ASC Thrift Shop on School Street in Andover. The Thrift Shop Committee invites everyone to See ASC on page 19



This stone-arch bridge in Danbury is one of many historic structures associated with the Northern Railroad and, today, the Northern Rail Trail. Photo: Charley Freiberg

## Historical Society Exhibit Features Northern Railroad Photos

### Press release

A railroad once ran through it – through the town of Andover, that is.

Extending from Boscawen to Lebanon, the rail line was constructed in 1847 by the Northern Railroad, and later became part of the Boston and Maine Railroad's Northern Line. Now the Northern Rail Trail, the old rail bed offers recreational opportunities for hikers, bicyclists, snowmobilers, and others. Its conversion and ongoing maintenance are the work of the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail groups in Merrimack and Grafton Counties.

The Andover Historical Society's exhibit in the Potter Place railroad station this year features the work of Wilmot commercial photographer Charley Frei-

berg. With historic documentation expert Lisa Mausolf, Charley spent three months on the rail trail in 2013, capturing over 2,000 images of bridges, culverts, tunnels, signs, and other artifacts – evidence of its past as a railroad.

The exhibit may be viewed during the railroad station's regular open hours: Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM, and Sundays from 1 to 3 PM. Both the railroad station and the nearby Emons General Store, also part of the Historical Society museum, offer free admission.

Two dozen or so photos were selected for the exhibit. The documentation project was initiated by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. The exhibit was mounted by Paul Giorio of Andover.

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## Fire Department Battling Fires During a Very Dry Spring

### Multiple woods fires putting demands on our team

**Rene Lefebvre, AFD chief**

This month has seen a very high level of fire activity. The dry weather has made fire conditions in the woods very unsafe. As of the middle of May, the rainfall has helped to green the woods, but the material on the ground is tinder dry.

It is very uncommon for Andover to respond to multiple-alarm fires more than once or twice in a spring fire season. This year, we have responded to five, and the season is not over. This level of activity places a tremendous burden on our volunteer team. The small Forestry pay does not make up for lost wages.

The woods fires have been displaying an unusual and unsafe trait this year. The fires line is burning high and spreading at a very fast rate.

The usual safety precautions have shown their limits. The practice of staying in the black (the area that has been consumed by the fire) and working to the edge of the unburned material has been challenged by the heat and depth that the material is burning underground. Fires have sprung up in areas considered in the safe zone, requiring fire crews to use escape routes that were located in the early stages of the fire.

The command staffs assigned to the command center trailer in the Tilton/Belmont fire were required to man hose lines in order to save the trailer. In one instance, fire engines used to supply hose lines needed to be moved in a hurry as the fire changed course and rapidly spread to the water supply area.

Fires in the woods are under the joint command of the local fire chief and forest fire rangers from the State. Many times, sawyers and other specialized crews are used. The State and the mutual aid systems have pre-planned strike crews.

The resources are available, and the local crews have been trained to handle this seasonal emergency. This year, all involved were well tested. In the end, the injuries were slight, some hose was lost to the fire, and we all lost a little weight

from good exercise.

The reports received from the wild land commanders spoke of the skill and willingness to take on tough assignments by the Andover crew. We know our team is good at firefighting; hearing it from others who see many firefighting teams is very nice.

The people of Andover have always been very responsible with outside burning. We do on occasion respond to extinguish an illegal burn or a permitted

fire that has gotten out of hand, but that is why we are your firefighting team. We ask only that everyone be more vigilant this spring. I have no crystal ball, but we could have a dry summer.

Your firefighters have faced hardships this spring, true, but today is a new day. The trucks are washed and fueled, and the water tanks are full. The crew has been fed and even gained a little weight. Should the need arise, we are ready to go.



Carter Atwood, Steve Barton, Peter Smith, and Alex Green of the Andover Fire Department were among those who assisted the Franklin Fire Department at a four-acre fire on May 9, AFD's fourth that week.

Photo: Chuck Ellis

### ASC from page 18

come and browse, and then to purchase an item – or more – for yourself, a family member, or as a gift for someone you know. Clothing for the entire family is top notch, prices are very affordable, and you will be supporting the mission of ASC “to be of service to the community and the state.”

Summer vacations are ahead of us, and the ASC bakers will get a rest from the hot ovens which bake pies, cakes, cookies, breads, and rolls for our bake sales, and birthday cakes for Proctor students. However, we will be baking pies for Slices for Scholarships on the Fourth of July. The ladies invite everyone to stop at the ASC table on the Village Green to purchase a slice, or two,

or more, of their very delicious pies. Taste and see why the ladies have been called the “best pie bakers in Andover!”

If you are a woman who would like to serve your community and meet new friends, why not become a member of the ASC? ASC members reside not only in Andover, but also in New London, Wilmot, Danbury, Springfield, Franklin, Hill, and Tilton.

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## It's Spring! Flowers Everywhere, and the Loons are Back

Last year was a good one for Andover loon pairs

Lee Carvalho, for the *Beacon*

Ouch! My first black fly bite of the year, and — sure enough — it arrived on Mother's Day, the traditional opening of the black fly season.

While I was annoyed by this bite, I recognize it as just one of many harbingers of the season that brings so many pleasures for the ear and eye. Coltsfoot colonies line dirt roads with patches of bloodroot on the banks. In the woods I see yellow violets, painted and purple trillium, and hobblebush flowers and am delighted to hear my first wood thrush ee-oh-lay of the season.

Along streams it's all yellow: the bright blooms of the marsh marigold below thickets where yellow warblers and common yellowthroats hunt and sing. Three pairs of great blue herons have built nests on snags in the beaver pond at Fenvale.

In the evening and at dawn, the season is marked by the woodcock's display. With the expert help of Bruce Rose, Suzy Norris and I had a chance to hear the nasal peent calls of a male strutting around a field in East Andover.

A loon on Adder Pond has snagged a trout feast. Photo: Donna Crowell

A sure sign of spring is the return of the loons to our lakes and ponds. From

Highland Lake, long-time loon caretaker Donna Baker-Hartwell reports, "The loons are back on the lake and spending most of their time together. The ice was mostly out on the 17th of April. One loon was seen on the 18th, and both shortly afterwards.

"Even though spring appeared to be late, ice-out in 2001 didn't happen until the 27th of April!

"The floating loon nest has been moved to the area where the loons nested last year, on the southeast side of the island. A floating nest would be a safer choice than the shore; however, this pair has never used it. I will keep folks posted on their progress.

"If Beacon readers would like to be updated via e-mail, they can send me (DonnaBH@tds.net) their address. Any concerns or issues that might come up in regards to the loons this summer should be sent either to me at 735-5586 or 381-5586, or to the New Hampshire Loon Preservation Committee. Contact John Cooley by e-mail at JCooley@loon.org, or call 476-5666."

Mr. Cooley supplied this summary of loon activity last year: "In 2014, two of three loon pairs in Andover succeeded in raising young to fledge. Of the three chicks, two were from Adder Pond and one from Highland Lake.

"That productivity (one surviving



Lady slippers put on a spectacular display every year on the Rail Trail between Bridge Street and Potter Place. Pictured here are showy lady slippers at Eshqua Bog near Woodstock, Vermont. Photo: Lee Carvalho

chick per pair) is almost double the statewide average. Andover is in our Sunapee monitoring region, one of the most productive loon sub-populations in the state in the last decade — a region where the recovering population is gradually recolonizing good suitable habitat. Adder Pond is a great example as a place where last year's chicks were the first recorded nesting success in our monitoring of the pond in the last two to three decades."

Donna Crowell spends much of her time paddling on Adder Pond, her favorite in the area. She sent me a photo she took last year of one of the Adder Pond loons about to enjoy a trout for dinner. She is hoping the single loon currently on Adder will have a mate soon.

According to Deb Brower and Mindy Bicknell, a loon pair returned to Bradley Lake on April 18, the day the ice went out. How do the loons time their return so perfectly?

Later this month you might want to take a walk or bike ride on the section of the rail trail between Bridge Street and Potter Place. Just east of the bridge over the Blackwater River, the banks are filled with lady slippers.

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Further away, but worth the drive, is the spectacular display of showy lady slippers at Eshqua Bog near Woodstock, Vermont. The bog, a legacy of the post-glacial era 10,000 years ago, is technically a fen because the water source includes groundwater in addition to rainwater and run-off. Along the



A loon on Adder Pond has snagged a trout feast. Photo: Donna Crowell

boardwalk you will see Labrador tea, cotton grass, pitcher plants, buckbean, and many species of dragonflies, as well the lady slippers.

If the weather cooperates, we have a chance to see a rare conjunction of Venus and Jupiter on Wednesday, July 1. The two bright planets will be extremely close in the western sky just after sunset.

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Bill and Loretta Bates celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently with a trip to Aruba. They took the *Beacon* along to snap this photo.

Jake Brown of Bedford, Massachusetts, received his Masters degree in Computer Science from Boston University on May 16. Jake is a 2000 graduate of AE/MS and graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School in 2004. He graduated from Endicott College in 2008 with his Bachelors degree in Computer Science.

Jake has been working full-time at Textron Systems for the past six years while studying for his Masters. Jake still regularly visits Andover to spend time with family and friends, while enjoying the peaceful and community-minded atmosphere his hometown has always provided.



At Colgate University's annual Awards Convocation on April 28, Madison Powers received the American Chemical Society's Undergraduate Award in Organic Chemistry. This award, usually presented to a member of Colgate's Senior Class, was awarded to Madison for his outstanding work in Organic Chemistry.

Madison graduated Proctor in 2013. He received the Dean's Award for each of his first two years at Colgate by maintaining a 3.3 or better GPA. He currently holds a 3.69 GPA. He will intern this summer at Colgate, researching proteins and their effects on cancer cells. He has also been accepted to study aboard next spring in Dublin, Ireland.

Photo: Laura Powers



## Craftsmen's League Selects Another Ornament by Kristine Lane

### Press release

The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's annual ornament for 2015 is Sweet Season, a cast and hand-formed pewter maple sugar tree adorned with a

sap bucket.

Kristine Lane of Andover and Paulette Werger, both juried in metal by the League, created this ornament to celebrate New Hampshire's spring-time tradition of maple sugaring. Sweet Season ornaments are sold exclusively by the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Fine Craft Galleries, the League's online store at NHcrafts.org, and at the Annual League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair, August 1 to 9.

Each ornament is numbered as one of a limited edition and is signed by the artists. The ornament comes beautifully gift-boxed and sells for \$25.

Kristine explains the inspiration for the ornament. "Each year on country roads all over our state, a unique and truly iconic New Hampshire image appears. Majestic sugar maple trees are tapped and adorned with buckets to collect the sweet sap that will produce our famous maple syrup." She and Werger collaborated on two other ornaments for the League and have also worked together creating one-of-a-kind jewelry. They also share a love of nature.



Sweet Season is Kristine Lane and Paulette Werger's rendition of a sugar maple and a sap bucket in cast and hand-formed pewter.

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**Andover Institute Holds Tours to  
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Behind the scenes at  
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Larry Chase, Andover Institute

The first two events in a continuing series of guided tours into area locations seldom visited by the public will be offered on two Saturday mornings in June.

On Saturday, June 13, attendees will have an opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at Proctor Academy. On Saturday, June 27, they'll be able to take a guided walk around the grounds of the old Camp Marlyn summer camp for girls (now Bluewater Farm) on Andover's Bradley Lake.

Both events, open to the public at no charge, will begin at 10:30 AM in the parking lot behind the Andover Town Hall. For the Camp Marlyn event, carpooling from the parking lot will take attendees to Bradley Lake. Advance reservations are not necessary.

Sponsored by the Andover Institute,

an arm of the recently formed Andover Community Association, the events are part of a "Space Explorations" series designed to introduce attendees to area locations – both natural and man-made – that receive little public visitation. Future events will include visits to a local heron rookery and a little-known waterfall, and a walk through the old mills of nearby Franklin.

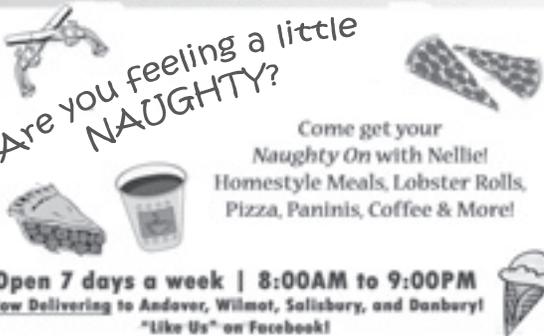
The June 13 Proctor tour, to be led by the school's communication director Scott Allenby, will take visitors inside the Wilkins Meeting House, the Walt Wright '49 Biomass Plant, Fowler Learning Center, Recording Studio, and recent enhancements to athletic facilities. Visitors will also have an opportunity to view and learn about Proctor's recent solar installations and renewable energy commitments, including the on-site generation of 340,000 kwh of solar electricity per year and reduction in heating oil use by nearly 65%. 

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Monday, June 22,  
at Ragged Mountain

Bill Leber, Andover Lions Club

The Andover Lions Club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on Monday, June 22, at its annual Installation of Officers meeting. The meeting will be held at the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club and will include a social hour at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM, with the meeting to follow.

Former Lions Club members and

friends are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Bill Kennedy at 768-3318 for reservations and further details.

It will be a time to think about the many projects the club has completed in those 60 years and the number of people benefitted with improved sight and hearing, as well as to reminisce with stories of the fun and fellowship during those years.

The Andover Lions Club is looking forward to seeing all the former Lions and friends from the community. 



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Jacob Frost of East Andover graduated from the University of New Hampshire at Manchester on May 14 with a Bachelors of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.



Lisa Jelleme (pictured here), Molly Leith, and Corbett Leith, all of Andover, will be among the artists participating in the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) Imagination into Art on Friday and Saturday, June 26 and June 27, in Wilmot. The art exhibit and sale will open with a reception from 5 to 7 PM on Friday at the WCA's Red Barn and will continue from 9 AM to noon on Saturday at the Red Barn and at the Wilmot Farmers Market. Several artists have donated a work to be sold during a silent auction at the Friday reception. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a \$15 donation per person is suggested. For more information, call 526-7934 or visit [WilmotCommunityAssociation.org](http://WilmotCommunityAssociation.org).



Nick Terwilliger, accompanied by students and faculty of the Concord Community Music School, presented his senior recital at the school on May 17. Nick is a composer, arranger, and performer.

Photo: Charlie Darling



Haley Turner, granddaughter of Beth and Tim Frost of East Andover, graduated from St. Anselm College on May 17 with a Bachelor degree in Sociology. Haley is from Warren, Maine. She is going to work for AmeriCorps in Charlotte, North Carolina, for a year.



Aiden Heller was a very happy hunter to get his first turkey during the 2015 Youth Turkey Hunt Weekend while hunting with his papa.

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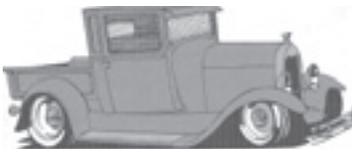
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Jacob Frost (fourth from left) was a member of the 2015 University of New Hampshire (UNH) Baja Team, a group of Mechanical Engineering students who designed and constructed a one-man off-road vehicle for competition. Over 100 universities from Brazil, Canada, Egypt, India, South Korea, Venezuela, United Arab Emirates, and the US competed in the 2015 Baja competition at Budds Creek Motocross Park in Maryland on May 7 through 10, hosted by the Society of Automotive Engineers. Unofficially, Jake and the UNH team placed 50th overall, out of about 100 teams.

**New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family: May 2015**

Spring Fling looks back at "The Good Old Days"

Judy Perreault, NHCHF

The New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family (NHCHF) state spring meeting was held recently at AE/MS. The theme was "The Good Old Days." A get-acquainted game of "Who Am I" had members questioning each other to find out what character they represented. There was a picture board of members from their earlier life, and there was much speculation about who was who.

Our speaker was Peter James from the Concord Coach Society. He presented a very interesting program about the history of the Concord Coach, how the coaches were made, and the different coach styles.

There are some very nice restored coaches on display in New Hampshire. The Andover Lions Club has one of a few that are actually in use. We are very fortunate to have it in our Fourth of July

parade each year.

Closing the day was our brown bag auction. Proceeds went to a women's prison program that provides books and CDs to prisoners. They read and record the book on a CD, which is sent to their children. The program helps keep prisoners connected to their families. We have had many wonderful letters from male and female prisoners expressing their appreciation for our support.

**GRADUATED  
Henry Bendel**

Henry Joseph Bendel, son of Jay and Robin Boynton, graduated cum laude from Keene State College with a BS in sustainable product innovation and design. He received an award from the Fenton Family Dealership for one of his senior projects: the Thumbar, a device to screen blood alcohol level via thumbprint.



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## EAVP Welcomes Amy Rheaume as its New Director

Lawre Goodnow promoted to assistant director

### Press release

Amy brings over 20 years of childcare experience, passion for teaching, and love for learning to our school. Amy states, "I am excited about joining the talented, creative staff and working with children and families in the Andover community." We are excited to welcome her back!

We would also like to congratulate Lawre Goodnow on her promotion as our Assistant Director for the 2015-2016 school year. Lawre, along with Alicia Williams, will be returning as full-time teachers of the program. Both have helped our program grow, expand, and create new learning experiences for our students.

The EAVP Advisory Board would

also like to thank Elizabeth Janvrin for her years of dedication and service as Director/Lead Teacher and wish her well on her new adventures as she relocates with her family.



Amy Rheaume will take over at EAVP on June 15.

## East Andover Village Preschool, May 2015

16 preschoolers graduate to kindergarten

### Elizabeth Janvrin, EAVP

It is hard to believe we are getting ready to come to a close for our 2014-2015 school year. We are very proud of our 16 graduates headed off to kindergarten; many of them have been with us the past two years. The group has grown so much, together and individually, that we know that they are ready for the new adventures that await them in elementary school. Our graduation ceremony is on Tuesday, June 16, at 6 PM.

Thank you to our own teacher, Alicia Williams, and the New Hampshire Project Learning Tree Foundation. We are recipients of one of their \$250 grants which will allow us to make a pollinator garden to attract birds and bees while making a more natural play space for our playground.

On June 1, EAVP achieved the State of New Hampshire's "Licensed Plus" status. This is a quality rating system which allows us to demonstrate that we achieve quality higher than the current New Hampshire licensing standards. We are excited to be granted this status with all of our hard work.

At East Andover Village Preschool, we have been on a journey into space. Our classroom loft has begun transformation into a rocket ship through research in books and the Internet. We have papier-mâché our own representations of the planets and used seriation activities to put them in order from the sun.

Our bodies have simulated the Earth orbiting the sun to demonstrate a year and rotating to demonstrate a day. We have also enjoyed learning and singing the song Aiken Drum, who has various food items for facial features.

Although we are saying good-bye to many of our preschool children, we

are looking forward to another preschool year with our returning group to continue in our learning adventures together. If you are looking for preschool for the 2015-2016 school year, please call the school at 735-5105 or e-mail EAVP@tds.net for more information about our program.

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# OBITUARIES

**EMILY L. BRISTOL OF ROCKY HILL**, Connecticut, passed away in East Hartford, Connecticut, on April 17 with grace and dignity. She was born in Akron, Ohio, on June 9, 1931, the daughter of Louise and F. Wallace Dixon, and resided in Bethesda, Maryland, during her formative years. While residing in New London and Wilmot, she worked at Spring Ledge Farm and was Assistant Manager at King Ridge Ski Area.

Emily's nature was to love, and that is what she did. Her dedication to raising six beautiful daughters and the love extended to their numerous friends was endless. She thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie of multiple friendships formed during her lifetime.

Music and dancing were favorite activities – particularly her love of the piano. Emily was a feisty lady who fought through multiple difficulties with a constant positive attitude, overcoming obstacles with charm and style.

Among surviving family members are her husband of 59 years, Craig Warren Bristol, and five daughters: Lynn B. George of Andover, Karen B. Losik of Bradford, Sharon B. Morse of Warner, Heather L. Bristol of Lewiston, Maine, and Tracy B. Hiebert of Bethel, Maine, and all of their loving husbands.

A memorial celebration of Mrs. Bristol's life will be held in New Hampshire during the summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Emily's name to the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter, Attention: Jennifer Labrie, 200 Executive Blvd, Southington CT 06489.

**EDWINA L. STETSON**, 94, a longtime resident of Andover, died on April 24, 2015, at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen following a long period of failing health.

Edwina was born in Tilton on August 5, 1920, daughter of Charles and Georgie (Burnham) Gilman. She and her husband Ralph lived on the Bean Hill section of Northfield for many

years before moving to Andover in 1971. Prior to her retirement, Edwina was employed in the housekeeping department at the Merrimack County Nursing Home for 20 years.

She leaves her husband, Ralph B. Stetson of Andover; daughter, Susan Stetson of Andover; son, Richard Stetson of Alaska; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her sister, Marjorie French of Franklin; and a nephew.

There were no calling hours or services planned. Burial will be private, in Proctor Cemetery in Andover.

**HORACE TILTON "BUD" WHITCHER**, 82, died on April 29, 2015, at Lakes Region General Hospital after a period of declining health. He was born in New London, the son of Horace A. and Evelyn (Marshall) Whitcher.

He graduated from New London High School and went on to serve in the US Army during the Korean War. After returning from his service in the Army, he worked as a finish carpenter in the New London-Sunapee area for most of his life. He was well known for his extensive restoration work done on many old homes and historical societies.

Among surviving family members are his wife, Kathleen (Morrison) Whitcher, of Bristol; and son Matthew Whitcher of Andover and his siblings.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Jude's Research Hospital, PO Box 1893, Memphis TN 38101.

**VELMA HINES**, 84, passed away at Alice Peck Day Hospital on April 30, 2015. Velma, known to many of her friends as "Tillie," was born in Grafton on January 3, 1931. She was the daughter of the late Sadie and Archie Seamans.

She is survived by her brothers Kernel and Robert and her sister Phebe Belloir. She was predeceased by her brothers Wilmer, Howard, Herbert, See Obituaries on page 27

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Leslie, and Frank and her sister Eleanor Cynkus.

Velma was married to the late Verne Hines for 52 years and had two daughters, Roberta (married to Jerry Li-ebbrand) of Fairfield, Connecticut, and Jane of Canaan. She is also survived by two step-sons, Terry and Tracy Hines, both of New Hampshire.

Velma attended Andover High School and the Nursing School at Concord Hospital. Her career included 31 years at Alice Peck Day Hospital.

As the Administrative Nursing Director, she started the extended-care facility, which began as an eight-bed unit and grew to over 50 beds during her tenure. Her portrait hangs in the lobby of Alice Peck Day Hospital as a testament to her contribution to the facility's success.

Since retiring in 1995, Velma volunteered at LISTEN in Canaan and had served as a member of the Board of Directors. She continued volunteering through December of 2014. Her passion for knitting contributed hundreds of pairs of mittens and scarves to the shelves of LISTEN as well as providing donations to a number of other charities. The family asks that donations be considered for the Canaan Fast Squad and/or LISTEN, Canaan, New Hampshire.

Calling hours were held on May 5 at the Ricker Funeral Home in Enfield. A celebration of her life was held at the Methodist Church in Canaan on May 6, followed by a grave-side service at Canaan cemetery.

**JAMES P. FOSS**, 75, of Vernon, Connecticut passed away on May 4, 2015. He was born on May 1, 1940 in Fort Fairfield, Maine, the son of the late George S. and Georgie (Everett) Foss.

He was a member of the Elks Club, Maple Grove, Italian-American Friend-

ship Club, TKB Club, and several other organizations, always keeping active. He was an avid golfer.

Among surviving family members are his sisters, Betty Henderson and her husband Roger of East Andover, and Mary Martin and Wilma Jones, both of Vernon, Connecticut.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on May 8 at St. Bernard's Church in Rockville, Connecticut. Burial will take place at the convenience of the family.

The family requests that memorial donations in James' name are made to the organization of their choice. For on-line condolences, please visit PietrasFuneralHome.com.

**EVELYN G. RUBNER**, 87, of Weare went to be with the Lord and her husband Paul on May 16, 2015. She died peacefully in her home, surrounded by the loving care of her family and hospice after complications of several severe illnesses.

She was born on March 23, 1928 in Brookline, Massachusetts, the daughter of William N. Bryant and Evelyn G. Bryant.

Among surviving family members is her daughter Donna Kendrick and husband Ted of East Andover.

She was a beautiful, loving, generous woman who loved music, gardening, canning, sewing, knitting, and was a great cook.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 15, at 11 AM at the Andover Congregational Church in East Andover. A reception will follow at the Highland Lake Grange Hall adjacent to the church. A graveside service will be held at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at 2:30 PM.

Donations may be made to the New Hampshire Food Bank.

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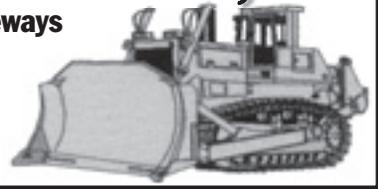
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## Barn Project at Highland Lake Inn Nears Completion

Transforming into a premier event venue

Charlie Darling, *Beacon* staff

Pecco and Gail Beaufays, owners of the Highland Lake Inn on Maple Street in East Andover, are nearing the end of the long process of transforming the 180-year-old barn at the Inn from a failing historic structure in danger of collapse into a premier venue for high-end weddings, family reunions, and corporate events.

When they bought the Inn nine

years ago, they did so with their eyes wide open: the barn was known to have serious structural issues. When the time was right to deal with those issues, Pecco and Gail talked to many area contractors about what problems they saw and how they would go about correcting them. Ultimately, they chose Dana Stockman of Moonlit Meadows

Farm in North Sutton as the man with the craftsmanship, vision, and expertise to take on the project. The first order of business was to make the structure safe for its intended new use. To that end, one long foundation wall built in the 1960s of cinder blocks was exposed, straightened, and the hollow cores filled with concrete. Four concrete buttresses were added on the inside in the barn's basement to keep the wall straight and strong.

To support the main floor of the barn better, each supporting post in the barn's basement was given a four-foot by four-foot by four-foot concrete pad to stand on, and knee braces were added to provide additional support to the ties and girts that meet at each post. A thick concrete floor was added in the basement to tie everything together and control the moisture.

In the main part of the barn, knee braces were added throughout, as were new windows. Heavy new barn doors were built, and a floor was added over the right-hand bays to create a balcony overlooking the main aisle and the left-hand bays.

With the structure secured, Pecco and Gail's attention turned to adding elegance and functionality to the space. A dry bar now graces the balcony, and many small chandeliers now light up the cavernous space.

But the piece de resistance will come from a workshop across town: Don Cline is work-



The restoration of the huge barn at the Highland Lake Inn on Maple Street is nearly complete. The space, along with the Inn itself, is planned to become a venue for about 10 high-end weddings, family reunions, or corporate events each summer.

Photo: Charlie Darling

ing on a very large stained glass window, made with the glass from two old windows that were part of the property, that will become the transom above the huge barn doors. Once the finishing touches are in place, Pecco and Gail plan to welcome about 10 weekend-long events to the Inn and its new barn throughout each summer season. The events will be managed entirely by two area event-planning companies, which will in turn arrange for local catering. And for the safety of his guests, Pecco is insisting that a member of the Andover Fire Department be paid by the event planners to be on duty during each event.

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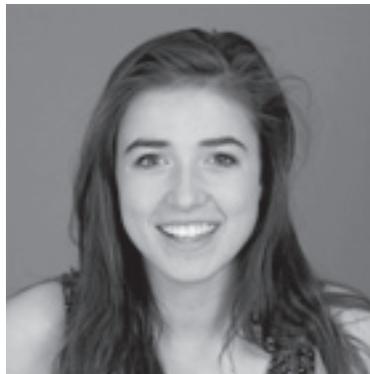
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## Andover's Proctor Graduates Head for College

### Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Twelve Andover students will graduate from Proctor Academy on Saturday, May 30, and begin their college journeys around the country. Congratulations to each of these graduates!

- Kelsey Allen – Widener University, Pennsylvania
- Alicia Barry – University of South Carolina
- Kelsie Berry – Hobart and William Smith Colleges, New York
- Thaddeus Bicknell – Westminster College, Utah
- Olivia Blodgett – University of

### Southern Maine

- Molly Comrie – University of New Hampshire
- Daisy Elwell – Mount Ida College, Massachusetts
- Erin Hanscom – Ithaca College, New York
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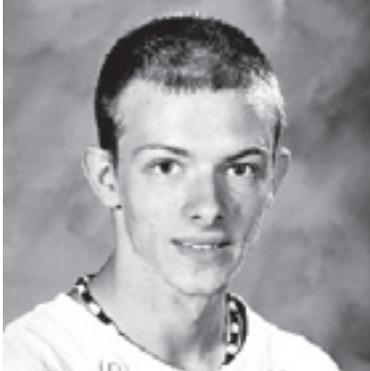
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# Andover's MVHS Senior Projects for 2015



Nicole Barton: Weightlifting



Jeff Bates: Restore a motorcycle



Vincent Bolte: Garden and livestock



Taylor Duquette: Raising goats



Shannon Haley: Maple sugar shack



Austin Hawks: Build an electric guitar



Jesika Heath: Sewing baby blankets



Dustin Holmburg: Health and fitness



Austin Marceau: Solar bob house



Alyson Mullett: Dance, art therapy



Hannah Munson: Canning



Beven O'Donnell: Paintball



Shelby Perreault: Diabetes in dogs



Meghan Richardson: Yoga



Eli Shedd: Importance of film critics



Alyssa Smith: Effect of diet on ADHD



Nick Terwilliger: Rebuilding a sax



Hannah Veinotte: Make a CD booklet



Amy Wittel: Volunteering at UVHS

## MVHS Graduates 22 Andover Students on June 13

Merrimack Valley High School will graduate 22 Andover students on Saturday, June 13, at 10 AM. Here are some of the graduates' plans for next year:

- Nicole Barton: Campbell University, North Carolina
- Jeffrey Bates: working
- Vincent Bolte: Nashua Community
- Taylor Duquette: Plymouth State
- Shannon Haley: Lakes Region Comm.
- Austin Hawks: University of Bridgeport, Connecticut
- Jesika Heath: working
- Dustin Holmburg: Law Enforcement
- Alyson Mullett: Keene State
- Hannah Munson: Lakes Region Comm.
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- Shelby Perreault: Keene State
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## Andover Rec Soccer Sign-Ups Under Way

### Press release

It's time to start thinking about dusting off those soccer cleats and finding your shin pads. Soccer sign-ups for the Andover Recreation League have begun!

For students entering first through sixth grade, now is the time to think about whether you will be playing with us this August. Andover Recreation Soccer is a member of the Merrimack Valley Soccer League, which consists of 19 towns.

Generally, the third through sixth grades will have soccer practice once a week and up to two games per week. Our younger first and second graders will have Saturday practice and scrimmages only.

This year we are trying to have a good ratio of coaches to players. Therefore, the deadline for sending in your registrations is Wednesday, July 1. If you send in registrations after July 1, your player will be able to play only if there is space available on the team. For

registration material, e-mail Heidi Murphy at [AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com) or call Heidi at 735-4494.

Students will also be receiving materials for soccer registration at AE/MS. Heidi will be at the Kindergarten Graduation night on Tuesday, June 16, for anyone who would like to sign up at that time.

Starting after the Fourth of July 4, Heidi will be having pick-up soccer over the summer, one night a week. On Monday nights at 6 PM, anyone can come and play. There is no cost, and we are out there to have fun, so come on down to Blackwater Park.

Anyone who would like to volunteer their time with coaching, refereeing, or field maintenance is encouraged to call or e-mail Heidi. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to support the US Women's Soccer Team against Australia in the World Cup starting on June 8!

### SHARE from page 40

without the vast amount of support from our community. Gisela Darling has been the organizational energizer since 1989. She gathers help and support from the community and brings it all together for a very special day in May.

Some of the workshops for grades three through eight include Cupcake Decorating, Cookie Baking, Climbing Wall, Woodworking, Duct Tape Wallets, Sushi, Fly Fishing, Golf, Hair Decorating, Horses, Improvisational Acting, Beading, Lacrosse, Kick Boxing, Martial Arts, Miniature Civil War Figures, Mountain Biking, Book Binding, Felting, Reverse Tie-Dye, School Garden, Soccer, Swing Dance, Zentangle, Woodlands Exploration, and Zumba.

First and second grade teachers organize and arrange for shorter workshops for the younger students. They have six mini-workshops before lunch. The workshops included Sparkly Collages, Decoupage, Pillow Making, Cloth Stamping, Zentangle, and Water Color Sunbursts.

Not to be left out of the fun, the kin-

dergarten classes also have SHARE Day activities. The kindergarten choices are short, engaging, and contain movement activities. Energy, enthusiasm, and excitement is all included and encouraged! They had lots of volunteers who offered very creative workshops. They made rain sticks, decorated cookies, created toothpick designs, put together and ate trifles, melted beads and made designs, and enjoyed relay races. A good time was had by all!

Students enjoyed and clapped to the music of Jimmy Sferes. They also had a chance to tour the gym looking at all the displays from the various workshops.

Students are already talking about what workshops they want to sign up for next year. Please consider being part of this creative and energy-filled day next year. I am sure you have something to offer. We are especially interested in adding more fine arts offerings. General volunteers are always welcome!

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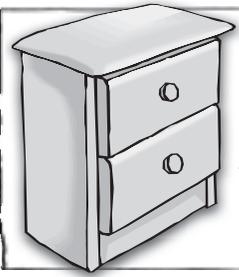
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**AE/MS Graduates 34 on June 17**

AE/MS will graduate 34 eighth graders on Wednesday, June 17, at 6:30 PM. Here are their plans for next year:

- Daemon Barrett: MVHS
- Devin Barton: MVHS
- Matthew Bent: Proctor
- Hayden Buswell: MVHS
- Alexis Cate: MVHS
- Zackary Cronin: MVHS
- Chase Davis: MVHS
- Camden Donovan: MVHS
- Savannah Drewry: MVHS
- Sadie Duquette: MVHS
- Lexi Emeny: moving to Bozeman, Montana
- Hannah French: Proctor
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- Ezra Jenifer: Proctor
- Britta Johnson: Proctor
- Aidan Kellogg: Kearsarge High
- Nelson Makechnie: Proctor
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- Zachary Shipley: moving away
- Jordyn Southworth: MVHS
- Keygan Sweeney: MVHS
- Kathryn Thompson: MVHS
- Jesse Wagner: Laconia Christian
- Sofia Weber: Proctor

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filled and displayed. In addition, the Andover Girl Scouts have plans to refurbish and replace parts of the Peace Pole. We are going to be looking great when all is complete!

Fourth and eighth grade students took the NECAP Science test in May. This is a state requirement and includes three testing periods.

The second grade classes have a theatrical production in June. I am beginning to hear their beautiful singing voices as they put their musical together.

The eighth grade graduation is Wednesday, June 17, at 6:30 PM. This is a semi-formal occasion and is usually before a standing-room-only crowd. Thirty-four students will move on to the secondary education phase of their lives.

It is a very special evening with student involvement in the program. The ceremony begins with a slide show including baby pictures of the graduates and photos that progress to the present. Gretchen Hildebrand and Heidi Unger compile this sentimental journey every year.

Eighth grade students will be busy in the weeks leading up to their graduation. Thanks to generous community fundraising support, they will be spending two nights in New York City.

The 34 students and six chaperones will tour Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. They will see Wicked on Broadway after having dinner at Planet Hollywood. The students will tour the 9/11 Museum and Memorial and also visit the Intrepid battleship and enjoy a show and meal at Medieval Times. A bit of pool time at the hotel might also be squeezed into the schedule.

The trip will wrap up with riding the roller coasters at Six Flags in Mas-

sachusetts on the way back to Andover.

We are on the road again. At this time of year, much learning takes place beyond Andover.

Kindergarten students spend a day learning and exploring at the Montshire Museum, while first grade students enjoy a day at the Billings Farm. Second graders make the long-standing traditional, and favorite, trip to the Harvard Museum of Natural History.

Third grade students take their learning to the ocean and participate in hands-on activities at the Odiorne Science Center. Fourth and fifth grade students go back in time while exploring the Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown. Sixth and seventh grade students take their energy, enthusiasm, and curiosity to the Flume and Cannon Mountain.

The last day of school for students in kindergarten through grade eight is Thursday, June 18. The morning will consist of cooperative and competitive outdoor games. Students, staff, and parents will enjoy the annual barbecue for lunch. The afternoon will consist of entertainment, awards, and closure activities back in the classrooms.

The school year is quickly winding down, and we are already planning for the new school year. We are always looking for new volunteers.

There will be some exciting new volunteer opportunities for next year. We are looking for volunteers to help with recycling and make it both educational and useful for our students and community. We are looking for very active playground help as we add to our equipment. Fundraising and manual labor will be involved. We will also be looking for someone to run and coordinate our Eagle Store. The opportunities to volunteer are endless.

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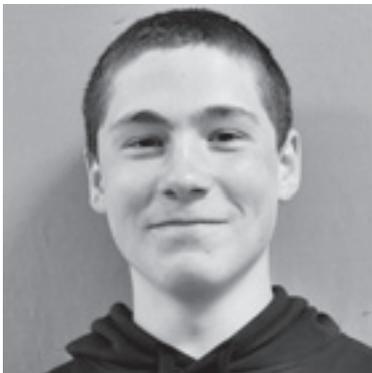
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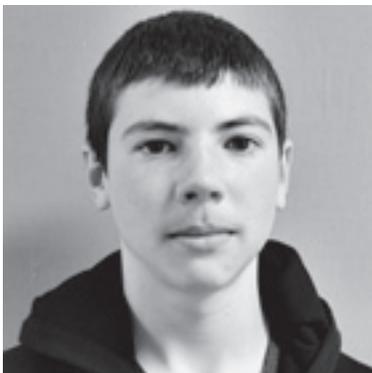
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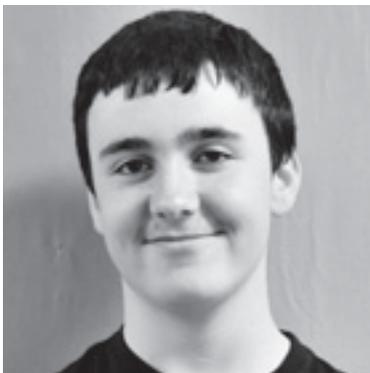
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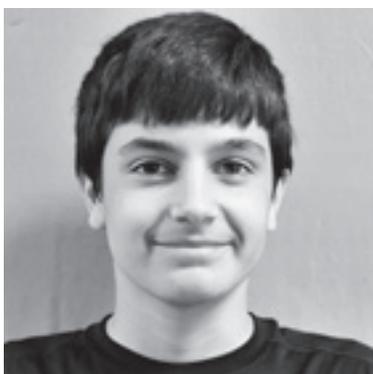
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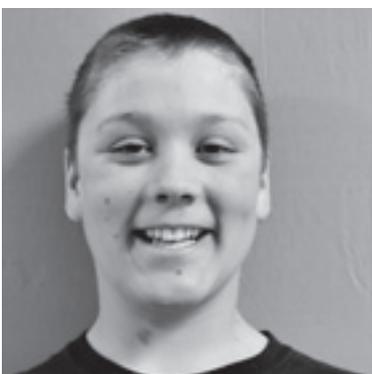
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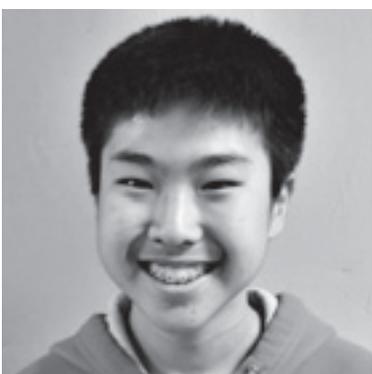
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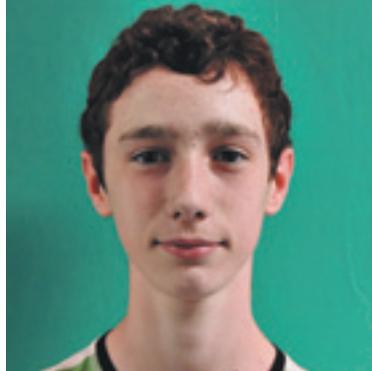
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## School Matters!

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**Track from page 40**

The Andover boys did most of their scoring in the 800m. Led by Matt Reynolds in 4th, David Reynolds in 5th, and Aiden Kellogg in 6th, the boys scored 12 of their 29 points. Matt Bent and Aiden Kellogg each ran their best times of the year.

In an extremely competitive 1600m, David Reynolds was 5th at 5:18. The race featured five runners under 5:20, running in a tight group with constant lead changes and a wild sprint for the finish. Nelson Makechnie was 9th in 5:38.

Rounding out the States scoring, Camden Donovan and Zack Cronin finished tied for 3rd in the high jump, with both clearing 4' 10".

In the girls discus, Tori Braley matched her season's best throw at 48' 10".

The State meet finished off a really strong season led by seven three-year veterans from the eighth grade: Teigan Friedrich, Cam Donovan, David Reynolds, Matt Reynolds, Nelson Makechnie, Hayden Buswell, and Britta Johnson. The team was 33 members strong with the addition of 15 fifth and sixth graders.

There were five regular-season meets followed by the Small School State Championships. The season started in late March with the team confined to workouts in the gym due to all the snow. They worked hard and made the best of it, and when we got outside we got great results. Throughout the season, team members supported each other and taught events to the younger athletes.

On the field event side Camden Donovan and Teigan Friedrich had great seasons. Camden tied the school record in the high jump, clearing 5' 0". He now shares the record with John Dukette and Tim McDaniel. In the javelin, Teigan Friedrich made great improvement, moving to 3rd all-time for Andover with a throw of 106' 3".

In other field events, eighth graders Cam Donovan and Hayden Buswell showed eager fifth and sixth graders the ropes in discus and shot put, helping everyone get to the events on time and throw well.

On the girls' side, Madalyn Goodwin helped some young ladies learn and compete in the long jump.

In the running events, Andover fielded a strong team from the 100m hurdles

all the way to the 1600m run. The sprint corps was led by Teigan Friedrich and Camden Donovan, bringing along first-time team member Zack Cronin in the 100m and 200m.

David Reynolds and Zach Shipley provided leadership for a group of 400-meter runners that spanned fifth to eighth grade, with everyone making solid improvements all year.

The 800m run is where the team's strength really shone this year. On the boys' side, the team was led by Matthew and David Reynolds. Matt and Dave traded the school record back and forth throughout the season, with Matt finally setting the record at 2:32.95.

New to the team this year were eighth graders Aiden Kellogg and Matt Bent, along with veteran 1600m runner Nelson Makechnie. All qualified for the State meet in the 800m and regularly scored five of the top seven spots in meets, creating a long blue line hard for other teams to break into.

In the 1600m run, David Reynolds and Nelson Makechnie finished their AE/MS careers with personal bests and school records this season. David lowered his school record from 5:32 all the way down to 5:16. Nelson improved his personal best down to 5:35.

On the girls' side, the 800m was a place for our fifth graders to shine. The group of Brynne Makechnie, Sasha Mackenzie, Lily Menard, and Sophia Reynolds put our competition on notice. All the girls showed steady improvement, with Sophia finally going to States and setting the school record in the 800m.

In the relays, our boys 4x100m team improved their handoffs steadily all year and qualified for States. The team consists of Camden Donovan, Matt Bent, Aiden Kellogg, and Teigan Friedrich.

The boys 4x400 team of Matt Reynolds, David Reynolds, Aiden Kellogg, and Nelson Makechnie ran well, narrowly missing States.

The girls 4x400m was another bright spot courtesy of the fifth graders. Five girls ran the 4x400m at various times: Sophia Reynolds, Brynne Makechnie, Lily Menard, Alexis Plante, and Sasha Mackenzie. They were the only all-fifth-grade team we saw all year and broke through in the Fifth and Sixth Grade Only Meet at Gilford with their first victory.

**Proctor Robotics Students Donate a 3D Printer to AE/MS**

Showed the students how to "print" objects

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's robotics class has used 3D printers all year to explore motion, mechanics, and engineering principles.

Oliver Harston '15 took the knowledge he gained in the class into his Senior Project, using Proctor's 3D printer to design each component of a DNA strand that could be assembled and disassembled by students to explore different traits.

Oliver extended the reach of his project by teaming with Mr. Murphy's mid-

dle school science classes at AE/MS, who were studying DNA molecules this May.

Oliver and robotics instructor Josh Norris delivered a gift from Proctor to AE/MS – a 3D printer! Oliver explained to the AE/MS students how he went about designing and printing his 3D DNA molecule model and helped the students design their own printable objects.

Many thanks, also, to Proctor's Director of Technology, Jim Cox, for his continued generosity and willingness to share Proctor's technology with Andover students.

**PARENTS: HOW ARE THE KIDS?**

Parents, please help the *Beacon* keep alive the connection between your grown kids and the community they grew up in!

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AE/MS students Savannah Drewry, Sofia Weber, Samantha Parkman play out a scene during the improvisation workshop run by teacher Sarah Edmunds on SHARE Day. Photo and caption: Sarah Edmunds

## AE/MS Enjoys Another Very Successful SHARE Day

Next year: More fine arts, please

Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

Only in Andover can one spend time zentangling, enjoying sushi, learning Native American loom beading, playing 18 holes of golf, and swing dancing all in one place and on one day.

Another wonderful SHARE (See

How Arts Reach Everyone) Day recently took place at AE/MS. New workshop choices were added among the traditional favorites. Students spent the morning participating in engaging workshops, and after lunch the students and staff gathered in the gym to enjoy tunes played by the talented Jimmy Sferes.

SHARE Day would not be possible See SHARE on page 35



When the luscious, thick green grass grows in the courtyard area at AE/MS, you can thank the second grade students in Ms. Hildebrand's class. Jon Champagne taught the students the science behind growing grass and showed them the necessary tools for a big project. Ms. Slayton was very impressed with the power sweeper! The students took their jobs seriously, and bright green grass is already filling the courtyard area. We are appreciative to Jon Champagne for the donation of time, expertise, loam, and grass seed. Pictured are Travis French, Jon Champagne, Jacob Demers, Madison Hersey, Drew Labonte, Ben Kelly, Michelle Dudek, Garrett Barton, Julianna Champagne, Abby James Bentzler, and Paige Makechnie.

Caption: Jane Slayton. Photo: Charlie Darling

## Many Exciting Plans as AE/MS Wraps Up School Year

Volunteers needed for the coming school year

Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

Our courtyard is going through a transformation. The raised beds received significant damage with the difficult winter. The garden beds have been removed, and we have vegetables growing in large recycled barrels. The barrels can then be relocated before winter.

Grass was scarce in the courtyard, but Jon Champagne and Ms Hildebrand's students came to the rescue. Jon made the activity educational and fun, and the courtyard has now been thoroughly seeded and roped off.

Sixteen beautiful window boxes were handmade during SHARE Day workshops with David Bates and Donna Pourby, and the boxes will soon be See Plans on page 36

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Camden Donovan and Zack Cronin tied for 3rd in the high jump at States, with both clearing 4' 10". Cam is pictured here. Photo: Sarah Lester

## AE/MS Track Team Finishes Strong at States

New school records and personal bests

Coch Brian Reynolds

On May 21, the Andover Track and Field team participated in the Small School State Championships in Belmont. The meet is attended by 20 teams from all over the state. Athletes have to meet qualifying times and be top performers to qualify for the meet.

As a team, the Andover Boys finished tied for 8th, with 29 points. The scoring was led by David Reynolds with 8 points, followed by Matt Reynolds and Teigan Friedrich with 5, Cam-

den Donovan and Zack Cronin with 4, and Aiden Kellogg scoring 3 points in his first State meet.

The Andover Girls finished 16th, with scoring led by Sophia Reynolds scoring 5 points.

Top performances for Andover were Sophia Reynolds in the girls 800-meter and Teigan Friedrich in the 100-meter hurdles. Sophia ran a school record 2:50.5 for 800m, finishing 4th overall in a field of 26.

Teigan Friedrich tied the school record in the 100m hurdles, finishing 4th overall in a time of 16.8 seconds.

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Grace Hovem, Abbie Young of Andover, and Haley Schorer, three students in a social activism class at Proctor organized a novel fundraiser to benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire (CASA). Students were invited to purchase an egg filled with paint, write something they'd like to rid the world of on the eggshell, and then throw the paint-filled egg at a canvas.

The result was several beautiful "modern art" paintings; \$800 for CASA, a statewide child advocacy organization that recruits, trains, and supervises adult volunteers who serve as volunteer Guardians Ad Litem in court for abused and neglected children; and a whole lot of fun.