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## Beacon Canvassing is Making a Difference!

Can we get to 300 donations this year?

Charlie Darling, *Beacon* staff

The *Beacon's* big fall canvassing drive got off to a good start in early October. We enlisted almost 20 of your friends and neighbors as canvassers, and by mid-October each canvasser had picked the names of a dozen or so of their friends and neighbors who hadn't donated to the *Beacon* yet this year.

As I write this, our canvassers are contacting people by e-mail, by phone, by knocking on the door, at the Post Office, at the dump – whatever it takes! – with a reminder that it's truly up to all of us to help keep the *Beacon* going.

Donations are starting to come in – including some very generous ones.



Thank you! If you've told a *Beacon* canvasser that you'll be sending a donation, please do it right away, while you're thinking of it, so we don't have to follow up with you in November.

If you haven't donated to the *Beacon* yet this year, please don't wait for someone to knock on your door! Use the coupon on page 4, or scan that gizmo on your smartphone, or visit [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com) and click the Donate button on any page. If you have questions, visit [AndoverBeacon.com](http://AndoverBeacon.com)/Donor-FAQ or contact me at [Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com](mailto:Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com) or 735-6099.



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On October 5, Bristol Police Chief Michael Lewis (left) attended a meeting of the Andover Board of Selectmen to present Andover Police Department's Sergeant Joe Mahoney with a framed letter of commendation for his help investigating a "lengthy and critical" armed robbery in Bristol. The letter of commendation cites Joe's "attention to detail and willingness to assist another agency" as being "instrumental in locating the suspect and protecting the citizens of the community." The commendation continues, "It is these skills that make Sergeant Joseph Mahoney an exceptional Police Officer."

Photo: Charlie Darling

## Joe Mahoney Receives Commendation for Help in Investigation

Suspect in Bristol crime found in Andover

Press release

*This is Sergeant Joe Mahoney's first-hand account of his work in helping locate the suspect in an armed robbery in Bristol.*

On August 30, at approximately 10:56 hours, I heard dispatch advise Bristol Police of a robbery at the Rite Aid in their town. While monitoring the radio, it appeared that the Bristol Police Department had developed a possible

suspect in the case of a Kevin Groesser of Hill, a subject with whom I am familiar. While I continued to monitor the radio, I learned that in July, the Franklin Police Department was involved in a pursuit with the suspect, and the vehicle that he was operating belonged to a subject from Andover.

I then called dispatch to learn the identity of the owner of the vehicle that Groesser had been operating. With this new information, I decided to monitor the area of the Andover residence in

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## TRIP Center Bus Now Serves Andover on Fridays

Door-to-door service for shopping, appointments

Press release

The TRIP Senior Center has expanded its rural transportation service with a bus that now serves Andover, Danbury, and Hill on Fridays. Please call 934-4151 to schedule your ride.

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. is pleased to offer bus service daily in the Franklin and surrounding areas Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 2:30 PM. If you are 60 or over, for a low suggested donation of \$1 per ride or \$2 round-trip, you can get to the doctor, do your banking, shopping, and errands, and/or attend the TRIP Center for lunch. Limited rides are available for adults with disabilities.

On September 25, the Rural Transportation Service expanded into Andover, Danbury, and Hill on Fridays. Adults may call the TRIP Center at 934-4151 to schedule transportation

into the greater Franklin area.

Seniors benefit from affordable transportation to help with medical appointments, shopping, or other essential services. The service is door to door, so you may be picked up at your home for convenience and taken to your destination. The bus has a wheelchair lift and steps for easy boarding.

Our customers report that the bus is clean and comfortable and that they feel very safe while riding on it. Going to more than one location is an option. Many seniors enjoy the opportunity to ride together and make the day an outing. The service is great to do some holiday shopping and then enjoy lunch at the TRIP Center.

Our friendly drivers are helpful, courteous, and reliable. We ask for 24 hours notice to request a ride or to make schedule changes. This is important in order to accommodate as many people as possible.

Sit back, relax, and leave the driving to us while you visit with fellow riders and accomplish your daily tasks!

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## Andover Ranks in Top 10 for Number of Solar Rebates

From information supplied by Vital Communities, sponsor of the Solarize Kearsarge effort earlier this year, and by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission:

Andover, with a 2010 population of 2,371, ranks 125th among New Hampshire's 234 cities and towns in size. Yet after participating in Solarize Kearsarge

between November 2014 and the end of January 2015, Andover ranked sixth among New Hampshire municipalities in total New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission-approved applications for solar rebates, with 36 solar rebates on record. And the town placed fifth in the state for rebates per capita, with one rebate for every 66 residents. 

## NHEC Sets Winter Rate Increase for Electricity

Bills increase about 18% through April 2016

**Press release**

Electric bills will be going up for members of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) during the upcoming winter period, though not as high as last winter.

At its September 29 meeting, the NHEC Board of Directors approved increases effective with bills rendered on November 1 for the Co-op Power and Regional Access Charge portions of members' bills. As a result, the typical residential member using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month will see an overall bill increase of 18%, or \$16.30 per month for the winter period, which ends April 30, 2016.

Though the winter period rate increase is significant, it comes on the heels of a summer period that saw rates drop 20% from the 2014 winter period price. Overall, the typical residential member using 500 kWh per month will be paying 4.5% less than last winter.

The same conditions that have caused New England electric rates to spike for the past three winters are still to blame for this latest seasonal increase. Though natural gas prices remain low at the wellhead, a lack of adequate pipeline capacity into New England means that power producers will be competing again this winter with home heating for limited natural gas supplies. This causes a significant delivery premium to be added to the wellhead price for natural gas, which is used to generate more than half of the electricity produced in New England.

The rate increase is the result of increases in two portions of members' bills – Co-op Power (the actual electricity used) and the Regional Access Charge (the cost to access the regional transmission grid in order to get power to the NHEC distribution system). For most members, the Co-op Power rate is increasing 46% from 6.5 cents per kWh to 9.5 cents per kWh. By comparison, that is 18% lower than last winter's Co-op Power rate of 11.6 cents per kWh.

For most members, the Regional Access Charge (RAC) is increasing

11% during this winter period from 2.2 cents per kWh to 2.4 cents per kWh. Driving this increase are the continued costs of major investments being made in the region's bulk transmission facilities that move large amounts of power from generators to load centers. Investment in these large transmission facilities that serve the whole region went up another \$800 million this year (following \$1 billion in additions last year), and such additions are expected to continue at about that same level for at least the next two years.

Similarly, there is little relief in sight for the conditions in the natural gas market that are causing the wide seasonal swings in the cost of wholesale power in New England.

"ISO-New England is taking some steps to reduce the need to deliver natural gas to New England by pipeline by incentivizing the storage and back-up use of fuel oil by generators that are capable of using it, by paying for liquid natural gas that can be stored within the region, and by enlisting some electricity users who can reliably reduce their demand when conditions are tight. But the fundamental cause for high New England winter electricity prices won't be resolved until solutions are implemented that counter the region's natural gas delivery limitations," said Steve Kaminski, NHEC Vice President of Power Resources and Access. "The 'forward' electricity market does not anticipate such relief for at least the next several years."

NHEC is encouraging members to mitigate the effects of higher winter rates by conserving and, when possible, participating in NHEC's Energy Solutions programs. Energy efficiency improvements can help members save energy and money year-round. NHEC provides a full slate of energy-saving opportunities for residential, commercial and municipal members. Complete details are available online at NHEC.com/energysolutions. Members can also view and manage their electric usage on SmartHub, NHEC's online home for account management, at NHEC.com.

NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 83,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities. 

## ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY

**Food and Necessities for People in Need**

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We need your donations of non-perishable, staple foods and other necessities. (Please check those expiration dates!)

The food pantry is located downstairs at the Andover Town Hall and is open whenever the Town Hall is open.

It's self-service, no questions asked. Take what you need or drop off what you can.

If you know someone in need, tell them about the pantry. If they are not comfortable going to the pantry themselves, for whatever reason, let a Lion or Beacon volunteer know – WE DELIVER!



# THANK YOU, VETERANS!





During a training exercise, John Bridgmon smiles proudly after he "saves" his "patient." John assisted his patient from the water onto the ice, and then the rope tender pulled the sled back from the danger of the thin ice. This cold-water rescue training took place in January of 2014 at Webster Lake. Franklin Fire trained Andover Fire how to rescue patients in the cold water and ice. John, who recently moved to Syracuse, New York, has great humor; he finds the fun in every situation! We hope New York appreciates him as much as we do!  
Caption: Meghan Barton

## Andover Fire Department Christmas Tree Sale Starts on Friday, December 4

6 to 8 PM at the East Andover Fire Station

Rene Lefebvre, AFD chief

On Saturday, December 5, the Andover Fire Department will be holding its annual Christmas tree sale. We will bring in fresh trees and set up our racks on Friday, December 4 in the early evening.

This year we will be available to sell trees as we set up. We have had several requests for Friday night sales, so this year we will.

We will be at the East Andover Fire Station on Friday, December 4 from 6 to 8 PM and on Saturday, December 5 from 8 AM until we are sold out. Delivery is free. Please join us. The smell of the trees and the excitement of the kids, young and old, is wonderful.

### Best Wishes, John Bridgmon!

One of our fire fighters is moving on to greener pastures. Lieutenant John Bridgmon has started a new career with a large construction firm in Syracuse, New York.

As training officer for the Andover Fire Department, John found innovative ways to teach and was responsible for introducing the latest techniques of our profession to our department.

John is also an advanced EMT. It has been my greatest pleasure to watch John treat his patients with skill and genuine compassion. His ability to quickly connect with injured people is rare in someone so young.

John is also one kick-butt fire fighter. We, his fellow fire fighters, wish him happiness and success. We also hope

See John on page 5



Andover's American Legion Post #101 presented a check for over \$300 to the Andover Lions Club to benefit the Andover Food Pantry. The money was donated during the Post #101 food drive at the Transfer Station in September and was in addition to many boxes of food that Andover residents dropped off during the drive for the Food Pantry.

In this photo, Lloyd Perreault of Post #101 hands the check to Ellie George of the Lions. Continuing to the left: Howard George, president of the Andover Lions; Skip Powers; commander of Post #101; Don Clendenen of Post #101; Heather Makechnie of the Lions; and Bill Leber of Post #101 and the Lions.  
Photo: Charlie Darling

### Joe from page 1

case Groesser were to visit. I felt that it was likely that he may visit the location in Andover rather than going back to his house after a robbery.

As I continued to monitor the residence that afternoon, I observed a vehicle leave the residence and pass my location. As the vehicle passed me, the suspect appeared to be in the passenger's seat. I then followed the vehicle and notified dispatch of Groesser being in the vehicle. I continued to follow the vehicle on Route 11 towards Franklin, with Franklin Police units heading in my direction.

When I reached Franklin, it was decided that we would make a motor vehi-

cle stop in Franklin on Route 3A, where it was less residential, in case they decided to start a pursuit. We were able to stop the vehicle on Route 3A, just south of Acme Staple, with the assistance of Officers Gotthardt and Ciavola of the Franklin Police Department.

The suspect in the robbery, Groesser, was taken into custody for the Bristol Police Department. Also taken into custody was the driver, Patrick Flood of Boscawen, who had a warrant for his arrest.

After the two males were taken into custody, I later went back to the residence in Andover they had left. The owner of that residence gave consent to search the residence for evidence of the robbery, but I found nothing.



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

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# Letters

## Thanks for Andover First Responders

We would like to express our profound gratitude to both the Andover first responders and to the Franklin Hospital medical staff who helped us after our medical emergency. They conducted themselves efficiently and empathetically, going above and beyond all expectations.

We are so glad to have chosen Andover when we had the opportunity to choose a place to spend a large portion of our retirement time.

*John and Hilde Heaton*

## Applause for Anne Swayze

As a resident of Andover since 1979, I have always been aware of and appreciate the presence of Proctor Academy in the heart of our town. My grandmother, Florence Hall Thompson, attended the school in the 1920s.

Our daughters attended and graduated in 2000 and 2002. We will be forever grateful to Proctor for supporting them and giving them an exceptional, extraordinary educational experience. Faculty members are not only teachers, but advisors, "acting parents", coaches, friends, and family.

One such individual who has had a tremendous impact on hundreds of Proctor students and their families is

Anne Swayze. It is because of her that I write this letter.

Anne Swayze dedicated 29 years to Proctor as teacher, coach, Dean of Students, and Assistant to the Head of School. She exemplified the core values of Proctor's mission: honesty, compassion, respect, and responsibility.

**Your opinion matters! Please send a letter to the Beacon** expressing your thoughts on any local matters. Our readers want and need to hear your voice!

Her sudden and quiet departure from the Proctor community this past July has left me puzzled and sad. There was no public "thank you," no applause for a job well done and often celebrated on graduation day. These expressions of gratitude I would expect from a community that truly values honesty, compassion, respect, and responsibility.

For this reason, I would like to applaud Anne Swayze and give her a standing ovation. I want to express my appreciation for her dedication and hard work. I wish to thank her for her friendship, love, and care that she not only gave our daughters and family, but gave to every student and family that entered the doors of Proctor Academy over the past 29 years.

The most meaningful tribute to Anne can be found in their hearts and memories.

*Donna Baker-Hartwell*

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that his boss will open a branch office in Andover and bring John and his greener pastures home.

### Preventing Chimney Fires

This is the weekend when I finish stacking fire wood, clean out the garden, and clean our chimney. The wood project was accomplished, thankfully, with the help of our daughter Amy; the garden with the help of my Kubota; and the chimney with the proper brushes and inspection.

Our home is a single story, which makes the climb to the chimney a short one, and we purchased the cleaning tools at the time we constructed our home. The annual chimney cleaning has been a tradition for us for more than 30 years.

Beyond a safe chimney, my motivation for a super-clean chimney has been to avoid the embarrassment of calling the fire fighters for a chimney fire at our home. The fire fighters would like nothing better.

### Pellet Stoves

There are many homes now burning pellets in heating appliances designed for that use. The experience of the pellet stove has been a positive one for the fire service. They work well and, when installed to manufacturers' specifications, have proven to be safe.

Conventional cord wood stoves are still very popular and require some caution. The wood does not come in bags ready to use. In most cases the wood is purchased green and must be stacked and allowed to dry for at least one year.

Hardwood is the best fuel to reduce soot and creosote buildup in the chimney, and the chimney must be cleaned every year. There are very competent cleaning services available, as I don't recommend climbing on your roof without proper training and equipment.

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## Andover Real Estate Transactions, September and October 2015

September 16 through  
October 15, 2015

On September 16, Bruce Freeman sold 93.2 acres of land to the Duperey Trust for \$235,000. Stacey Viandier of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller and the buyer.

On September 17, George and Lindsay Souliotis sold 36 West Shore Drive to Brian and Nicole Veinotte for \$211,000. Bill Green of Green Real Estate assisted the seller and the buyer. The 1,008-square foot house has 2 bedrooms and 1.5 baths and sits on 0.31 acres.

On September 18, Winslow Eaves sold 147 Route 4A to Thomas and Jessica Clarke for \$115,000. Carol Shepherd of CG Shepherd Realty assisted the seller; John Kinney of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the buyer. The 1,568-square foot house has 2 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 6.16 acres.

On September 22, Stanton and Bonnie Lockwood sold 147 Lockwood Road to Pamela Cutuli for \$258,900. Joseph Burns of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller and the buyer. The 1,744-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths and sits on 13.3 acres.

On September 24, the McLeod Trust sold 27 Bradley Loop Road to Lorraine and Meredith Cline for \$242,500. Jeffrey Owen of Colby Real Estate assisted the seller; Daniel O'Halloran of Colby Real Estate assisted the buyer. The 1,600-square foot house has 2 bedrooms and 3 baths and sits on 0.69 acres.

On September 24, the Fidler Trust sold 259 Elbow Pond Road to Debra and Stephen Miano for \$875,000. Joan

Wallen of Coldwell Banker Milestone Real Estate assisted the buyer. The 2,605-square foot house has 5 bedrooms and 1 bath and sits on 235 acres.

On September 28, FANNIE MAE sold 116 Cilleyville Road to Andrea Cameron for \$75,000. Christy Goodhue Mank of Christy Goodhue Real Estate assisted the seller and the buyer. The 1,876-square foot house has 4 bedrooms and 1 bath and sits on 1.78 acres.

On October 13, Robert and Stephanie Theodore sold 315 Bradley Lake Road to Scott Malcolm McDonald for \$209,000. The 1,000-square foot house has 2 bedrooms and 1 bath and sits on 0.81 acres.

On October 13, Elizabeth Lind sold 123 Channel Road to Joshua Norris for \$425,000. Stacey Viandier of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller and the buyer. The 2,000-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 0.43 acres.

On October 15, Lawrence Ray Osteen sold 138 Pancake Road to Stoney Brook Contracting for \$200,000. Marybeth Angeli of Angeli and Associates assisted the seller and the buyer. The commercial property sits on 1.52 acres.

### Andover Inventory

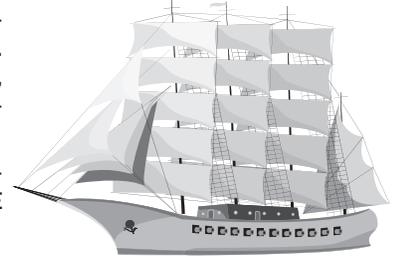
There are currently 32 residential properties on the market, plus 7 residential properties under contract for sale.

There are currently 9 land parcels on the market, and no parcels under contract for sale.

There are currently three commercial properties on the market, and no commercial properties under contract for sale.

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com for 9/16/2015 through 10/15/2015

# Andover's Yankee Trader



**Halloween Decorations:** two battery-operated skeletons, one for \$5, one for \$20.

**Winter Jacket:** new, maroon, size Small, \$20. **Lady's Rocking Chair:** antique, excellent condition, \$50. 735-5217.

**Ford Model A Parts:** three used carburetors, crank, connecting rod wrench, 21 GE 1000 taillight bulbs. 735-5529

**Window Quilts:** 3' x 6', used, 10 of them, \$0. **Tile saw** with stand: \$150. 735-5586.

**WANTED: Glass canning jars, free.** For sharing the summer's bountiful harvest with the Andover Food Pantry. Will pick up, or you can drop them off at the food pantry in the basement of the Town Hall. 735-4028.

**Ink cartridges:** HP940XL, never used. Two black, \$40; one yellow, \$15; one magenta, \$15. **HP8500 Office Jet** all-in-one printer: for parts only, \$10. BigBobby@tds.net.

**Husky generator:** Subaru engine, 5,000 running / 6,250 starting watts. Never been

started. Purchased for \$600. 735-5960.

**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. **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. 526-2262.

If you have stuff that's "too good to throw away," let *Andover's Yankee Trader* (AYT) help you find it a new home. AYT is for individuals or businesses to give away (or sell) stuff they no longer need (not stuff they bought to re-sell). Up to 30 words is free for Andover residents and *Beacon* subscribers; \$5 for others. Add a photo for \$5. If you'd like to show your appreciation when AYT works for you, an extra (tax deductible) donation would be appreciated!

To be included in next month's AYT, get your 30 words and optional photo to the *Beacon* by the 15th. Ads@AndoverBeacon.com • PO Box 149, Andover 03216 • 735-6099

## Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord, November 2015

Supporting school building aid,  
a state bank, and broadband

Mario Ratzki, NH representative

The Fiscal Committee voted to increase state retirees' prescription costs by \$5. This new rule, designed to save the state \$2 million, was approved by a seven to three vote. This will affect all state retirees, including those over 65.

Retirees under 65 may also see an increase in their health insurance premiums, from 12.5% to 15%, as well as raising the deductible, although this has not come to pass as of this writing.

Governor Hassan would like to use some of the rainy day fund to plug the \$10.6 million hole in the retirement budget.

House committees have been meeting to clear the deck of retained bills, many of which will probably be killed. Some will require further study, and all will be voted on by the full House in January.

One bill, HB 231, is attempting to increase school building aid. This is a bill that I support. As of now, it looks like it may find some support in committee from both sides of the aisle.

HB 672 would establish a state bank. This is also a bill that I support.

The state bank would be the repository of both state and federal revenues. It would eventually allow the state to go to the state bank to borrow money at lower rates than in the commercial bond market, resulting in millions of dollars in savings. The state bank could

also lend money to municipalities at a lower rate as well.

North Dakota has had a state bank since 1919, and it has been very successful in mitigating the worst effects of the great recession in that state. The state bank would not be a retail bank.

HB 617 and HB 583 would both require law enforcement officers to wear a camera. I went along with HB 617, because I believe that a camera would be useful for both law enforcement and alleged perpetrators in establishing the truth. Both bills may be combined into a study committee.

I co-signed three bills which deal with broadband expansion, especially in rural areas. One would have broadband providers like Fairpoint get tax credits to wire unserved and underserved areas with at least 1 Gbps of download speed. It would cost the state \$2 million.

Another broadband bill would allow municipalities to issue bonds and create their own broadband capabilities. Yet another bill would set up a study committee to develop a broadband expansion plan for the state.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone (especially parents) that the House has a page (as in "Congressional page") program whereby high school students can spend a day at the State House as pages. Please get in touch with me to find out more.

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

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## Town Clerk Closed on November 28, Open on November 30

### Closed for the long Thanksgiving weekend

#### Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed on November 11 for Veterans Day and again on November 26, 27, and 28 so that our employees may enjoy a long Thanksgiving weekend.

The State Department of Motor Vehicles is also closed over the holiday so there is no support for questions that could arise. We will be open Monday, November 30, from 9:30 to 6:30 to accommodate those of you who were planning to come in on Saturday, November 28.

#### Financial Results

At the end of the third quarter, earnings in the Town Clerk's Office were up by \$13,073 from 2014. The number of transactions from year to year stays very much the same. The increase in revenue is from the registering of new or newer vehicles.

We have also had an increase in residents paying their renewals on line. Last year 116 people registered vehicles on line for a total of \$21,362. This year

214 people renewed their registrations on line for a total of \$37,155.

On the tax collections side of the house, more people are paying on line this year than last. There were 68 on line tax payments this year compared to 21 last year. It is difficult to compare this year with last as this is the first year we have done the semi-annual billing.

There is still \$80,000 outstanding (1 1/2 %) on the 2014 tax warrant. There is \$140,000 (5 1/2%) still outstanding on the 2015 first issue tax warrant. Gross receipts from January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015 were \$3,144,609. Last year at this time, our gross receipts were \$713,589.

#### Upcoming Elections

There will be four elections this coming year, so there will be a lot of work for the Town Clerk's office preparing and running the elections. October 30 is the last day to change your party affiliation for the federal primary election. Please remember this when you come to vote in February.

You can track your absentee ballot online at [app.sos.nh.gov](http://app.sos.nh.gov)  
Happy Holidays!



## Andover Police Department, September 2015

Andover Police Department handled 227 calls for service in September, including:

- Assist Police: 7
- Business Check: 4
- Criminal Mischief: 3
- Dog loose: 4
- Dog bite: 1
- House Check: 13
- Manner of Operation: 5
- Road Hazard/Obstruction: 3

- Stranded Motorist: 2
- Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident: 5
- Theft: 2
- Traffic Offense Citations: 7
- Traffic Offense Warning: 11

#### Arrests:

- Peter Kimball, 36, Grafton: Child support
- Derrick Nowell, 22, Andover: Operating after suspension; possession of drugs



## Andover Fire Department Participates in Senior Safety Day

### Smoke detectors donated by LRGHealthcare

#### Press release

In conjunction with area fire departments, LRGHealthcare held its 15th annual Senior Safety Day on October 17.

This year's event was a huge success, reaching over 330 homes across the region where senior citizens had a free home visit from their local fire department to supply and change their smoke detector batteries or smoke detectors free of charge.

For 15 years, LRGHealthcare has raised money to provide the batteries and smoke detectors and worked with area fire departments to offer this program in 13 participating communities, including Andover.

Smoke detectors are an early warning that you don't want to be without. It's recommended that if your smoke detectors are over 10 years old, they should be replaced. And the general rule of thumb is to change the batteries in your detectors when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.



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# TOWN COMMITTEE MINUTES

**RSA** 91-A:2 states that minutes from each meeting of each Town body must “be promptly recorded and open to public inspection not more than five business days after the meeting.”

Minutes are often not in publishable form at that point. Considering the time it takes to make them publishable, and the long lag between issues of the *Beacon*, it may be a month or more before they appear in the *Beacon*.

## Board of Selectmen

July 6

*Condensed from approved minutes*

Present: Chairman Coolidge, Selectman Delaney, Vicky Mishcon John Thompson, and Town Administrator (TA) Marj Roy.

### Public Hearing: Johnson Lane

Researched by Don Gross. The Town never relinquished the property, and the Town never gave up any rights to the property. The road hasn't been maintained for 13 years, other than plowing.

Dick Powers asked if he could get something in writing regarding the findings for Johnson Lane. He and Connie Powers would like it recorded so they could sell their property.

Johnson Lane is a Class 5 road, and it will be maintained by the Town.

### Public Hearing:

### Highland Lake Island signage

Selectman Coolidge said signs have been on the island, and the island was given to the town for recreational use. We are here to hear people's opinions on the usage for everyone.

Bryan Johnson brought a picture of one sign on the island and a picture of the loon resting area. The island is very clean, and the kayaks are going on the west side of the island. A few years ago a lot of people camped out for a whole weekend, and last year there was a fire that was large and the fire department was called. Earle Davis goes and cleans the island when needed.

The Board of Selectmen asked the Conservation Commission to look into the island, and Mary Anne Broshek presented a draft for new language to be put on a new sign for the island. The wording was discussed and changed slightly. Andy Guptill mentioned that

the Boy Scouts use the island and wondered if the Recreation Committee was asked about the usage sign.

Donna Baker-Hartwell suggests the sign say “Carry in, carry out.”

Jim Reed asked if a permission request is needed to use the island and who would give the permission for the Boy Scouts?

Jeff Newcomb said there was a make-shift outhouse on the island and a 50-gallon drum for trash, along with two picnic tables.

### Noise Ordinance Petition

Jeff Mitchell wrote that Green Crow trucks have been unloading at 5 AM daily. Duncan Coolidge understands that a new person is covering for someone at Green Crow and will temporarily have different hours. Jeff Miller stated he hasn't noticed the noise from Green Crow; he thinks the noise might be coming from other companies doing clearing.

Chief Laramie said he has had our officers over at Green Crow at 5 AM on many mornings, and the police officer never heard any noise. Sargent Mahoney spoke with Green Crow, and they agreed to a start time of 6:30 AM.

Todd Adams wanted the Select Board to know that someone is letting off fireworks at the Town Beach all the time from May to September.

### Road Agent

John Thompson stated that the highway guys have been doing mowing and have installed the lights on the truck.

Emery Road: The guys have been trying to drain the culvert for three days. The beavers have compacted the  
See Selectmen on page 9

## 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  
(except for long holiday weekends)  
**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, 7-5; Sat, 7-6  
**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), 6:30, AE/MS

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

## Mark Your Calendar!

### NOVEMBER

2: Board of Selectmen, 6  
2: Fire Department, 7  
3: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30  
3: Building Permits, 6-7  
4: Fourth of July, Andover Fire  
Station, 7  
10: Building Permits, 6-7  
10: Planning Board, 7  
10: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7  
10: Andover EMS,  
East Andover Fire Station, 7  
11: All Town Offices **CLOSED**  
11: Conservation Commission, 7:30  
16: Board of Selectmen, 6  
16: Fire Department, 7  
17: Building Permits, 6-7  
17: Zoning Board, 7  
19: Capital Improvement, 7  
19: Library Trustees, 7

24: Building Permits, 6-7  
24: Planning Board, 7  
26-28: All Town Offices **CLOSED**  
30: Town Clerk **OPEN** 9:30-6:30

### DECEMBER

1: Building Permits, 6-7  
1: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30  
2: Fourth of July, Andover Fire  
Station, 7  
7: Board of Selectmen, 6  
7: Fire Department, 7  
8: Building Permits, 6-7  
8: Planning Board, 7  
8: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7  
8: Andover EMS,  
East Andover Fire Station, 7  
9: Conservation Commission, 7:30  
15: Building Permits, 6-7  
15: Zoning Board, 7  
17: Capital Improvement, 7

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**Selectmen from page 8**

culvert, and John would like for a Beaver Deceiver to be installed.

John Thompson was given a bid for enclosing the White Oak building from Dale Dukette. The building will have a garage door, a window, and a regular access door.

Switch Road: RD Edmunds is the cheapest around, estimate of \$50,000 to \$60,000 for dirt work. Edmunds will pave from Plains/Switch Road to Moody Road.

**Belletetes Signage Permit**

Bill Bates represented Belletetes and answered questions from the Select Board. The sign will be slightly different than the current one. It will be 75 feet off the road, it will be lighted, and the size is 9' x 14'.

Selectman Delaney motioned to accept the sign permit, second by Chairman Coolidge. Vote: yes Coolidge, yes Delaney, no Mishcon. Passed.

**Old Center Cemetery**

There are two cracked gravestones and it will cost approximately \$300 to fix them. The Cemetery Trustees would like to have the Highway Department employees fix them with the supervision of Pat Cutter. Chairman Coolidge motioned to approve, second by Selectman Delaney. Vote: both approved.

**September 21**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

Present: Chairman Coolidge, Selectman Delaney; Road Agent John Thompson, Town Administrator (TA) Marj Roy.

**Noise Ordinance**

Vote to accept Noise Ordinance: Selectman Delaney motioned to accept Noise Ordinance, second by Chairman Coolidge, both approved.

**Verizon Wireless**

Brian Ross from Verizon is requesting to put a cell tower on Town property. It would be a lease for 25 years. This would be a warrant article in March 2016 if the Town wants to go forward.

Chairman Coolidge and Selectman Delaney suggest talking to representative with questions regarding the service in this area.

**Road Agent**

John Thompson stated Switch Road

fine grading is being done and paving should start Thursday.

Sam Hill: Postponed due to high water level.

Chairman Coolidge asked John Thompson if the Beaver Deceiver is something the Town could build. John mentioned that it's made of heavy-gauge rubberized wire and pressure-treated wood.

John Thompson is wondering what the plan is regarding paying for the Beaver Deceivers that have been installed on Emery Road and Switch Road. The Conservation Commission agreed to pay half of the cost of the one on Switch Road.

John also mentioned that he thinks we should wait for the next new, updated program for the RSMS program, which helps to keep track of the individual road maintenance in town.

**Zoning Code Administrator**

Dave Powers gave a report on 254 Currier Road. We had complaints and found an old trailer mobile home with people living in it. They do have a composting toilet/sewer system, and they have gray water going onto the ground. They need to have running water to their home.

The land owner is working on getting a septic system design. He started the process, but it will go where he is planning on building his new home next year.

Dave admits that he confused two properties on Currier Road due to the fact that the trailer used to be on another property on Currier Road.

Chairman Coolidge suggested to Dave to talk with the Planning Board to see if they can decide what should be done.

**Tom Taylor**

Tom came in to bring his Intent to Excavate. He was not aware that he needed to fill out a form to remove top soil from his property. He is going down one foot. He knows that if he goes over 1,000 yards, he will be taxed.

Chairman Coolidge said his understanding is that no restriction is needed. Chairman Coolidge and Selectman Delaney signed his Intent to Excavate.

**Other Business**

The Select Board signed the Andover Snowmobile Club's yearly form and Huckleberry Propane and Oil's rate

lock for the season.

TA Marjorie Roy brought to the Board's attention that Joanna Sumner had called her to let her know that Barbara Aube is taking her request for tax reduction to the Superior Court. Marj told Joanna that the subpoena should go to our Town lawyers.

**Police Business**

Chief Laramie mentioned that the Selectmen should be receiving a letter from the Superior Court for the noise complaint regarding Mr. Bushy and Mr. Sell.

Chief Laramie has been working diligently on his budget for 2015. He put up new signs over the door and on the north side of the Police Department building. He would like to see a door at the top of the stairs in the Town Office for increased security.

Chief Laramie would like the Board of Selectmen to know that he has not been contacted regarding the Special Olympics being in town on the weekend of September 25, and he feels he should have been notified months ago so he could have police coverage lined up. This is the race weekend in Loudon, and it's very hard to get coverage on a short notice.

**Capital Improvement**

**September 24**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

Chair: Doug Phelps

Attendees: Chuck Keyser (Vice-Chair), Jeff Newcomb, Bill Leber, Marj Roy, Dennis Fenton, Duncan Coolidge

Guests: Vicky Mischon, Stephen Barton, John Thompson, Pat Cutter, Glenn Laramie, Nancy Teach, Jim Delaney, Ed Hiller, Jim Reed, Arch Weathers

The meeting opened with a quick review of the advantages of a Capital Improvements Plan, the Town's 1991 authorization to prepare the plan, and the criteria the committee will use for evaluating submitted capital requests.

Several department heads presented their inputs for capital expenses to the committee.

**Fire Department: Stephen Barton**

Request: \$74,000 for a four-wheel-drive one-ton truck capable of hauling water and firefighting equipment to re-

mote off-road locations.

Requested Timing: ASAP

Funding Source: Tax revenue with possible additional funding through a grant.

**Cemetery Trustees: Pat Cutter**

Request: \$30,000 for fence and trees around the East Andover cemetery.

Requested Timing: Phased installations over the next 10 years.

Funding Source: Tax revenue

**Police Department: Glenn Laramie**

Request: New facility for Police Department activities. Also noted was an appropriation for a new cruiser. An estimated cost for the facility, including land, was requested in two weeks. Timing of the cruiser purchase was also requested.

Requested Timing: To be determined

Funding Source: Tax revenue

**Road Agent: John Thompson**

Request: Expenses related to four road projects (in order of priority): Shaw Hill Road, Old College Road, Flaghole Road, Monticello Drive

Request: Expenses related to bridge projects (in order of priority): Sam Hill Road, Kearsarge Mountain Road, Morrill Hill Road, Gale Bridge, Lawrence Street (estimated cost \$1.2 million, 80% state funded)

Funding Source: Tax revenue; bonds if necessary

Note: Directly related to Andover's road projects, the "Road Surface Management System," a software tool used by many New Hampshire towns, was discussed. In order to initialize the tool, information derived from a road-by-road survey, which was completed two years ago, must be loaded. The software is available and installed, with data input to be started in the coming days.

Immediately following each Capital Improvement Requests discussion, Marj Roy assisted department presenters with completing the Capital Improvement Project request forms.

These forms will be used to create an overall capital projection analysis.

Committee Business: The November and December CIP meeting dates interfere with holidays.

The committee decided to move the  
See CIP on page 11



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Pond School near Webster Lake at the eastern end of today's Hoyt Road. My mother, Dorothy Hersey (age 13), is in the back on left, and her brother Samuel (age 11), is in front of her. They attended the Pond School in 1921 and 1922, walking all the way from the Hersey Farm in East Andover. Their teacher was Clarabelle Fish (later Yeaton) of East Andover.

Caption: Rita Norander

## History Abounds at Hoyt Road, Philbrick Road, and Brook Road

A long walk to school ... up-hill both ways!

Rita Norander  
Andover Historical Society

My first Hoyt Road article was about the western half of the road – from Route 11 to Dyers Crossing – and included the two houses beyond the crossing. The article's main focus was the Hoyt family, for whom the road was

named. In this article we will continue our easterly journey along this road to where it dead-ends at the top of the hill.

### The Philbrick Road

Just beyond the Keniston and Hoyt houses, there are two roads which intersect or branch off from Hoyt Road. The first one is on the left and is called the Philbrick Road. This road runs north of the Center Road, but more or less parallel to it, and comes out on today's Route

3A in Franklin, where it is known as Old Call Road. This would have been a much shorter route than the Center Road for Dyers Crossing-area people who needed to travel in a northerly direction. Although there were houses on the Franklin end of this road, Ralph Chaffee in his *History of Andover* states that, to his knowledge, there were never any houses on the Andover end.

On the 1879 map of Andover, the southwestern side of Philbrick Road is labeled "Great Pasture," and farther to the northwest the area is called "Mountain Pasture." Despite much research, I didn't discover a reason for the name Philbrick Road. There were Philbricks, who were early settlers on Taunton Hill. Did they possibly own land on this road, where they pastured their cattle during the warmer months, and eventually the road took on their name? Or did some of their descendants settle in this area, leading to the name?

Here is another possibility – according to John Eastman's *History of Andover*, "On September 1, 1779, Joseph Philbrick, Paul S. Marston, and Philip Mitchell were chosen as a committee to lay out roads, and they located and relocated the principal roads in town that year." Did Mr. Philbrick possibly name one of these roads after himself? Several good questions, but no definitive answers!

In 1935, the Philbrick Road was added to the town's growing list of roads subject to gates-and-bars. According to Ralph Chaffee: "Former roads no longer needed could be disposed of by the town meetings in two ways – either eliminated entirely by a vote of discontinuance or, if there was no reasonable objection on the part of abutting landowners, by subjecting them to gates-and-bars and thereby retaining public ownership of the right of way but relieving the town from further obligation for maintenance."

The Philbrick Road was another Andover road where Bob and I often traveled in the Jeep. The road was in fairly good condition, and it was an interesting and unique way to travel north.

But my favorite reason for liking this road was the vista point along the way, which provided a terrific view of Webster Lake. I've often wondered if

this view is still there, or has it been obscured by the ever-growing trees? Eventually, logging took place along the Philbrick Road, making travel difficult even by Jeep. Today, horseback riders and snowmobilers enjoy the road.

### Brook Road

The second road which intersects with Hoyt Road is a little farther east and branches off to the right. This is the former Brook Road, the same road mentioned in earlier articles. It began near the Franklin-Andover town line and followed the brook around Hogback before joining up with today's Hoyt Road.

This was the main road up until 1929, when Route 11 was relocated. Today, snowmobilers use this little section of Brook Road as a shortcut from the Rail Trail to the Philbrick Road, and then on to Old Hill Village, Newfound Lake, and other points north.

### The Top of the Hill

Hoyt Road now ends at the top of the hill, but as mentioned in my Center Road article, this was once a busy through-road. The first settler on this hilltop land was probably Isaac Brown who, according to Ralph Chaffee, "built a modest house or cabin and started to clear the land as early as 1781."

John Eastman says that Isaac "settled at the top of the hill on the old road going to Franklin and built and operated a sawmill on Mill Brook in Hog Back." Later Jacob Weare made his home there for a number of years. The Weares were early Andover settlers, and there were numerous branches of the family in various parts of town.

Edgar Taylor and his family were the owners of the farm when my parents bought their property in 1929. The two properties abut each other, being separated by Sucker Brook. The Taylor's land included Hogback, and extended all the way down to the railroad tracks, and the brook which was their southern boundary line.

I remember my mother telling me that the Taylors used to plant potatoes in the patch of land between the railroad tracks and the brook, since the soil conditions were just right for this particular crop. I have always found it hard to picture anything growing there, since to

See Hoyt Road on page 11



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## Fifty Years Ago in Andover: November 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.

### November 4, 1965

The East Andover Congregational Church was the scene of the marriage of Kathleen Ann Keyser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keyser of Shaw Hill, Salisbury, to Roy Charles Downes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downes, Andover, last Saturday, October 30, 1965. Mrs. Downes, a 1963 graduate of Franklin High School and a 1964 graduate of Concord Commercial College, is a stenographer for the State of New Hampshire Division of Welfare. The groom, a 1961 graduate of the Andover High School, is a construction worker for Watkins Construction Company.

The Andover Nursing Board recently purchased a new Maiko Audiometer for testing the hearing of Andover school students. Nursing Board members include Mrs. Victor Phelps, Mrs. John Graves, Mrs. Ralph Chafee, and Mrs. H. Powers.

"Get More For Your Money." Shop the Franklin Food outlet, where this week, lamb chops are 39 cents a pound and a big five-pound bag of Purina Dog Chow is 65 cents.

Eight Proctor Academy players, two managers, and three football coaches left by bus on October 22 from Proctor, where the whole school turned out on the parade ground to wish the team well in their game at Westmount, Quebec, Canada. The game was played on Saturday and Proctor lost the game by one point, 7 to 6.

The game was followed by a big dance that evening, given by the student council of Westmount High School. During the opening ceremony, Headmaster Norman Wood presented Head-

master Lyle Farrell with a large 9' by 5' Canadian flag. Headmaster Farrell reciprocated with a new 50-star American flag, replacing the one Proctor had given them 14 years ago. The team returned to Proctor by bus on Sunday.

Showing at the Regal Theatre: Joseph E. Levine's *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians* in space-blazing color. Santa kidnapped by Martians! Out-of-this-world fun and action as two Earth kids are whisked away with him to Mars! Saturday and Sunday matinee special – A Christmas Party both days at 2 PM. Children 50 cents, adults 80 cents. Free gifts for all the children. Free balloons. Free bubblegum. Fifty free passes to be given away.

### November 11, 1965

The ever-growing interest in the formation of cooperative school districts by surrounding towns has prompted studies for a Tilton/Northfield/Sanbornton Cooperative to the east and a New London Cooperative comprising the towns of Andover, Wilmot, Sutton, New London, Springfield, Newbury, Warner, and Bradford to the west. However, in considering the New London Co-op, the Andover committee decided to also explore formation of an Area District with Franklin, and this prompted a letter of inquiry from the Andover Committee to the Franklin School Board in September. The Franklin Board unanimously passed a resolution favoring such a District and petitioned the City Council for authority to offer a guaranteed 20-year contract to Andover High School students.

Funeral services for Samuel Dalton, 88, were held Thursday. Mr. Dalton, a four-year resident of East Andover, moved here from Northfield where he had resided for over 30 years. He was born in South Durham, Province of

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## Hoyt Road from page 10

day the land is so overgrown and closed in, but I'm sure it wasn't back then.

When I was growing up, Clarence Rayno was the owner of the hilltop farm. He, too, was a Keniston cousin, a bachelor and quite a character. He was pleasant and friendly, but I'm afraid he wasn't known for taking very good care of his property!

He was the owner of Hogback when the Franklin Flood Control Dam was built in 1940. The federal government took 12.3 acres of his land in order to use the clay for the building of the dam. Clarence contested the money offered by the government, and the case dragged through the courts for several years.

Eventually the case was settled, and Clarence bought a farm in Sanbornton, while still owning the East Andover farm, where he grazed some of his cattle. Thankfully, subsequent owners of the hilltop farm have brought the property back to life.

### Up Hoyt Road and Over Great Hill

One day late last summer I went for a walk on the rail trail from my house to Dyers Crossing. Then I decided I'd walk up Hoyt Road, to the top of the hill.

It had been several years since I had walked down the other side towards Webster Lake, so I ventured on. This was not a very wise decision, as the old road is very, very overgrown, rutted, and steep. Once I had started my descent, there was no turning back, as

it was easier to continue bushwhacking down hill than to try to go back up.

Finally I made my way to the bottom of the hill, coming out on Apple Farm Road, near the old Marcy Farm where my father had worked for so many years. It was an interesting walk, but not one I would repeat or recommend to others!

### Over Great Hill in 1921

My walk up and over Hoyt Road reminded me that long ago, my mother, Dorothy Hersey, made this trek every school day for a year.

Dyers Crossing School closed in 1921 because there were so few students. The remaining children were to attend school in East Andover, but for some reason my grandfather did not want my mother and her brother Samuel to go there.

Instead, their father enrolled them at the Pond School near Webster Lake in Franklin. The building still stands on Apple Farm Road today – the house across from the little cemetery.

Every morning, my mother and my Uncle Samuel walked from the Hersey Farm to the top of Hoyt Road and then down the other side to the little school in Franklin. Every afternoon, they retraced their steps.

It was a long, long walk and up and down a very, very steep hill. In their case, it was definitely true about how far they walked to school in the old days, and it was indeed up-hill both ways!



## CIP from page 9

November and December meeting to the third Thursday of November and December (November 19 and December 17) rather than the fourth Thursday.

Collect additional Capital Improvement Requests and begin compilation of all analyses. Doug will be meeting with Mike Izard of the Lakes Region Planning Commission for a CIP consultation.

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## Ten Years Ago in Andover: November 2005



Columbus Day Weekend [2005] brought days of rain and flooding. This was the view looking upstream at the Blackwater River from Cilleyville Road. Flooding closed Route 4 at Fenvale three times during the month. Photo: Charlie Darling

Do you enjoy seeing this "old news"? It can't continue without volunteers to select a news item from 2005 each month. You can do it from home via the Web! Please volunteer to help keep this fun feature going! Contact us at 735-6099 or Mail@AndoverBeacon.com.

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## AF&G's Annual Turkey Raffle on November 6

### Fundraiser raffles a Mossberg shotgun

#### Amanda Gross, AF&G volunteer

The Andover Fish and Game Club's Annual Turkey Raffle will be held on Friday, November 6, at 7 PM at the Clubhouse in East Andover. All participants will be treated to refreshments and a free door prize. Come try your luck at winning the popular 50/50 raffle, turkeys and hams (just in time for those holiday meals), and other special items.

Also being raffled that night is a Mossberg 835 12-gage camouflage pump shotgun, and a beautiful oak gun cabinet handmade by New Hampshire craftsman Bob Wason. Tickets for the

shotgun and gun cabinet can be bought that night or in advance. Deer Pool tickets will be available as well.

The Turkey Raffle helps raise money for the Club's two annual kids' fishing derbies, and to send kids to the Barry Conservation Camp. Raised money is also donated to charities, other clubs, people in need, and is used for supplies and upkeep of the Clubhouse.

Come have a great night out with your family and friends, while helping the AF&G pursue their mission to educate the public, particularly children, about the outdoors, wildlife, and outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing. Contact Rich Gross, at 735-5311 with any questions about the Turkey Raffle.



### 1965 from page 11

Quebec, Canada. He was a woodsman by trade. Members of the family include his wife, Mrs. Ina (Downing) Dalton and step-daughter Mrs. Rose Hislop, both of East Andover.

#### November 18, 1965

Lucky deer-hunters over the weekend were George Miller, Allan Keyser, Charles Barton, and Bradley Lugtig. Jerry Hersey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hersey, shot a 125-pound, seven-point buck on Saturday. This was his first deer.

#### November 25, 1965

Richard Gronbeck shot a 160-pound, eight-point buck this past week. Also lucky were Richard Martin, James Bailey, Lyman Currier, Wallace Currier, Jane Currier, Larry French, Erving Nelson, Buck Albec, Keith Weed, and Fred Miller.

Wallace Scott came to assembly at the elementary school on Veterans Day and told about his feelings toward it. He is giving all the children in our school a little American flag pin.

Mrs. Grace George, Andover Town Librarian, gave awards for the Best Book Report Contest, sponsored by the town library in honor of National Book Week. Awards went to the following first-prize winners; Rex Kidder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kidder, a fifth-

grade student; Thea Shanalaris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shanalaris, a sixth-grade student; Ann Ireland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ireland, a seventh grade student; and Karolyn Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Carpenter, an eighth-grade student. Each of these winners will receive a book of their choice.

Robin Braley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Braley Jr., was taken to New London Hospital for injury to her head from falling off the play-bar. She is expected to stay there for a few days.

Much sympathy goes to Reverend and Mrs. Francis Tucker on the death of Mrs. Tucker's nephew, Allan S. Dursaw, 17, of Wenham, Massachusetts, a senior at Proctor Academy, who died of a heart attack at the school. Services were held at Proctor on Saturday in Allen's memory.

The annual Fireman's Turkey Benefit held at the firehouse on Saturday evening was well attended. The door-prize went to Mrs. Shirley Keyser. The 30-39 Model 94 Winchester went to John Whedon. Dennis Fenton of Scarborough, Maine received the Savage 22 Magnum. Allan Thompson won the glow belt. Clyde Currier received the canteen. All had a good time, and many went home with their turkeys for Thanksgiving.



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## Andover Institute to Hold Photo Expo at Grange Hall

Exhibit plus workshops on November 7

### Press release

As *The Andover Beacon* went to press in late October, eight local photographers had signed up to display their work, share experiences, and discuss tools of the trade at the event labeled PhotoExpo 1, to be held on Saturday, November 7, between 10 AM and 2 PM in Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover.

Others interested in digital photography are also welcome to attend, interact, and learn, as are potential purchasers. The event, open to the public at no charge, is sponsored by the Andover Institute, an arm of the non-profit Andover Community Association.

Photographers scheduled to display their work include Joyce Bourdon, Larry Chase, Steve Colardeau, Lynn Tiede, Dick Crow, Jay Fitzpatrick, Rick Libbey, and Zachary Webster. Others interested in participating should contact Jay at [jall@tds.net](mailto:jall@tds.net) for more information and to reserve display space.

The event will also feature a series of free workshops useful for photog-

raphers at all levels of experience and open to all who attend.

The schedule:

- 10:15 AM: High Dynamic Range (HDR) image capture and processing – Steve Colardeau
- 11 AM: Photoshop actions: content awareness and cloning – Jay Fitzpatrick
- Noon: Featured presentation by professional wildlife photographer Rick Libbey, owner of Moose Man Nature Photos of Andover and well-known for his spectacular images of moose, loons, eagles, and other wildlife in their natural settings..
- 12:45 PM: Light painting – speaker to be determined

Commenting on the event, organizer Jay Fitzpatrick said: “There are a great number of talented photographers in the Andover area, and this event is designed to give them a venue to show and sell their work and also to share their expertise and experiences with others. The mission of the Andover Institute is to bring people together to learn new things and gain new skills, and this PhotoExpo is designed to do exactly that.”

## Crafts and Camaraderie Offered at the Andover Library

Fun for adults on Monday nights at 7 PM

### Press release

A series of informal crafts evenings for adults continues at the Andover Public Library on the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7 PM. The next two gatherings will take place on November 9 and December 14.

The series offers a light-hearted opportunity to explore one’s creative side. Interested residents are urged to bring a

friend and join the group for one or both sessions.

Each evening, Andover resident Alexis Southworth will offer informal instruction in producing an interesting craft using objects from the natural world that reflect what’s currently happening outside. October’s gathering focused on making small terrariums using mosses, pine cones, bark, and stones.

The evenings are free of charge. For more information, contact the library at 735-5333.

## Andover Congregational Church, November 2015

Thanksgiving Eve service on November 25

### Sandy Miller

#### Andover Congregational Church

Our fall schedule is pretty much underway. We welcomed back Pastor John at our September 20 service from his Sabbatical. Many thanks to the Deacon’s Board for their leadership while he was away. I would also like to acknowledge our Praise Band under the direction of Don Towle. We are very fortunate to have such great musical talent as part of our Church. They practice every Thursday night and play faithfully every Sunday. Oftentimes, Sue Emerson will play the organ for us on Sundays, particularly on communion Sunday, as well as during the Easter and Advent seasons. We are indeed blessed with all of their gifts.

Children’s Sunday School has started under the direction of Bonnie Wesley. The time is 9:30 AM, the same time as Church service. We also have adult Sunday School under the direction of Robin Visser. This takes place at the Grange Hall every Sunday from 8:30 to 9:15 AM. We are studying the Gospel of

Luke and the Book of Acts. Bible study will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesdays at the home of Irene Jewett. Please call the church office at 735-5160 for more information on any of these services.

The Grange Hall temporary repair project has been completed with Frost Building Construction doing the work. Without these repairs, we would have had to shut down the building over the winter months. Again, thanks to John and Joyce Bourdon for their leadership on this project. Permanent repairs will eventually have to be done to make the whole building usable.

If you would like to help out with a financial contribution, we would welcome your tax deductible gift. Perhaps, you might wish to make a donation in honor/memory of a loved one. If so, please indicate in a short note whose name you wish to acknowledge. Checks should be made out to the Andover Congregational Church, putting “Grange Hall Restoration” in the memo section of your check. Mail address is ACC, PO Box 211, East Andover, New Hampshire 03231.

Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at the Church on Wednesday, November 25, at 7 PM. Please join us in giving thanks to God for his many blessings!

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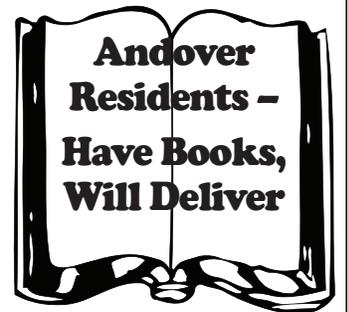
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Steve Abdu and Craig Engel of Newfound Grass performed at the Andover Community Coffeeshouse in October. Photo: Steve Colardeau

## Julie Snow Featured at November 20 Coffeeshouse

### Kathy Lowe returns on December 18

#### Press release

Boston-born singer-songwriter Julie Snow will be the featured performer at the Andover Community Coffeeshouse "Third Friday" concert on Friday, November 20. The event is free and open to the public; donations are always welcome.

Currently based in New Hampshire, Snow began her songwriting career in the late '70s and early '80s. Her song Baptism of Fire was the title cut of an album by Connecticut songwriter Lui Collins and has also been recorded and performed multiple times around the country.

After a decade-long hiatus devoted to family and her other career as a clinical social worker, Snow started writing again, and she continues today. Her own CD, If Words Were Stones, will be available for sale at the Andover coffeeshouse, and she is currently working on another CD with her newest material.

Her musical work has been described as "contemporary folk music with a political edge, alternately funky and sweet, outraged and introspective, threaded through with rich and unexpected chord changes and rhythms." For additional information, visit JulieSnowSongs.com.

Also appearing onstage will be up

to a dozen open-microphone performers, whose contributions in previous months have ranged from the spoken word to show-business, jazz, folk, bluegrass, and country-and-western tunes.

A new coffeeshouse attraction, designed to enhance customer satisfaction, will be the availability of about 30 pillows, courtesy of the First Baptist Church in New London, to be used to offset the wintry cold of the folding metal chairs.

Doors to the Highland Lake Grange Hall will open at 6 PM for food purchases offered by the Andover Congregational Church and for open-mic sign-ins on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sponsor for the evening is an anonymous donor who has asked that the concert be "in honor of the Northern Rail Trail," a converted railroad bed that stretches over 50 miles between Boscawen and Lebanon and passes within about 50 feet of the Coffeeshouse.

Looking ahead: The December 18 Coffeeshouse program will feature New London's own Kathy Lowe and her sisters, known collectively as the Lowe Profiles, singing original and traditional songs of winter celebration, but with a vaudeville twist.

Bring your singing voice for raising the cheer; songbooks will be available to help you join in on Kathy's own festive compositions, which will also be available for purchase on her Wishing You Peace CD.

## UNH Law Professor to Discuss Supreme Court Cases

### At Bachelder Library on November 17

#### Press release

On Tuesday, November 17, at 7 PM at the Bachelder Library in East Andover, Professor John Greabe returns to share his views on the latest cases and decisions at the United States Supreme Court.

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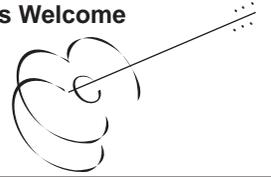


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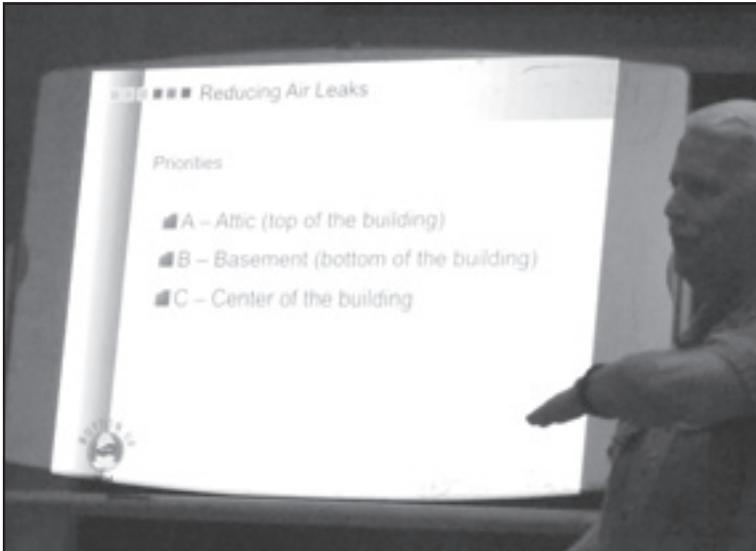
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**P**articipants in an October 17 workshop on how to make hard (or fermented) cider pressed juice from eight bushels of apples. Workshop leader Harvey Pine (in the baseball cap) then demonstrated bottling techniques. The workshop, sponsored by the Andover Institute, drew more than a dozen participants and produced 18 gallons of cider.

Caption and photo: Larry Chase



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For a digitized file of the visuals Eldredge used in his Andover presentation, e-mail the Andover Energy Group, sponsor of the presentation, at [LBCChase@aol.com](mailto:LBCChase@aol.com).

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Formerly known as the *Our Town* directory and last published in 2009, the re-named and updated booklet for 2016 will be mailed free of charge to all Andover residents and will be available online.

If you own an Andover business or offer a service and would like to be listed but have not been contacted, please contact Margo Coolidge at 735-5418 or [Margo.Coolidge@tds.net](mailto:Margo.Coolidge@tds.net).

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## Grace and Hope to Distribute Coats and Toys

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### Press release

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## ASC Thanksgiving Pie Sale Coming to Circle K

Service Club raises money for scholarships

Margo Coolidge  
Andover Service Club

It's pie time!

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nience store in Cilleyville. There will be an assortment available – first come, first served – for \$9 apiece.

Each pie is lovingly made by a member of the Andover Service Club for the purpose of sharing our baking talents and raising money for local scholarships and charities. Thanks to Circle K for donating the space.

Please put us on your “bucket list” as you prepare for Thanksgiving! 

## New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family, October 2015

Members learn the history of Mount Kearsarge

Judy Perreault, NHCHF

Our group resumed our meetings in September after our summer break. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and dessert.

One of our members presented a program about a local landmark, Mount Kearsarge. Located in Warner and Wilmot, Mount Kearsarge is home to Winslow State park (Wilmot) and Rollins State Park (Warner). Mount Kearsarge is a popular hiking mountain as it is an easy climb from the Winslow side and even easier from Rollins as there is a road most of the way to the summit. On a very clear day you can see the White Mountains, the Green Mountains of Vermont, the Atlantic Ocean, and Boston.

The Winslow State Park was named for the Winslow House Hotel which stood where the picnic area is now located. The hotel had been named for Admiral John Winslow who commanded the USS Kearsarge during the Civil War. Rollins State Park was named in honor of Governor Frank W. Rollins. Originally the 521 acres was under The Society For Protection of New Hampshire Forests but was turned over to the State of New Hampshire in 1950 for a State Park.

In 1913 a wooden fire tower was erected on the summit of the mountain which was replaced by a steel one in 1924.

There have been many different spellings of Kearsarge. On a 1652 map it was Carasage believed to be an Indian name meaning “notch pointed mountain of pines”. In 1749 it was Kyasage, 1755 Chi a Sarge, 1774 Kyarsarge, and in 1816 Kearsarge.

A number of Andover people have been toll takers at Winslow State Park. Arthur Andrews ( Betty Miller Dickerman’s father) worked there for 28 years and lived in a small house which is no longer there. On slow days, the Fire Warden would come down from the tower and play cribbage. Pat Decatur Baker (a member of our group) and her husband Gordon collected tolls in the summer for eight years.

In the summer many weddings and other gatherings take place at each park. In the past, area hotels would take guests to Winslow for a picnic dinner. Twin Lakes Villa in New London still takes their guests one night a week to the park for dinner.

We will be choosing programs for 2016 at our next meeting.

For more info about our group call 735-5493. 



David Kidder, proprietor, describes how the Ice House Museum in New London grew out of his father Bill Kidder’s collection of “stuff” accumulated while running the Kidder Garage on the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in New London. A guided tour of the museum on October 3, arranged by the Andover Institute, drew 23 participants.

Caption and photo: Larry Chase

## Holiday Fair at Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima Church at 724 Main Street in New London will host its annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 14, from 9 AM to 2 PM.

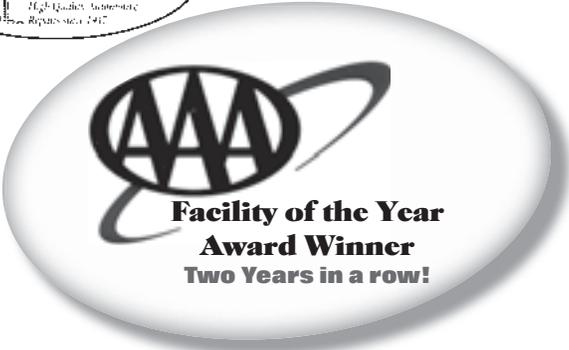
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**G**lenn Haley led an October 10 geocaching workshop along the Northern Rail Trail in East Andover, during which he demonstrated use of a Global Positioning System (GPS) device to locate a tiny capsule hidden in the woods beside the trail. GPS devices accurately calculate geographical locations by receiving information from satellites orbiting 12,500 miles above the earth.

In this photo, Andover's Adalyn Tremblay discovers the contents of the tiny capsule she and her sister Bria (right) have found. They are assisted by Kyle Tremblay, their mother. The free workshop was sponsored by the Andover Institute. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

## Andover Naturally: Worries About Our Planet Draw Closer

Lee Carvalho, for the *Beacon*

On an early fall day, I needed to refresh myself with some time in the White Mountains. To help decide where to go I perused the list of 4,000 footers and my eye lit on Mount Pierce. Why not? Pierce is the only president born in New Hampshire and I'd never visited that summit. I owed it to him. Before I left I read a quick summary of his presidency and decided to go anyway.

Geographically, Mount Pierce stands between Mount Jackson and Mount Eisenhower. (Politically...not really.) The trail from Crawford Notch up to Mount Pierce is the Crawford Path, the oldest continually used hiking trail in the United States and it's a delight. Passing through beautiful forests, never too steep, it brings you to a junction with the Appalachian trail. A short stretch along the trail southbound leads to a gigantic cairn at 4,310 feet: the Mount Pierce summit.

I traced my steps back north to the junction and, maybe, because Eisenhower is the first president I remember as a child, decided to continue north along the ridge to his summit. It was along this dramatic ridge walk that I experienced two disturbing events. For some time, as I walked, I was picking up bits of a one-sided conversation that

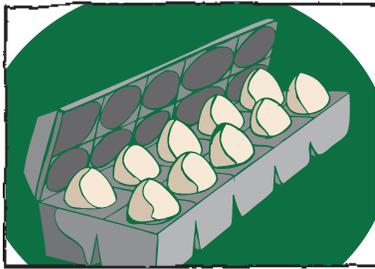
seemed to be about incisions and eggs and tubes and sutures. Hmmm. Appearing around a bend was a tall man wearing roman-style sandals with straps woven up his calves. He held his cell phone aside long enough to tell me he was discussing yesterday's surgical procedure with a colleague. Really? Here? Not long after that I began picking up music that sounded like Green



The moon over New London during the recent total lunar eclipse. Photo: Jen Esten

Day. It was, and it was coming — loudly — out of speakers mounted on the backpack of the first hiker in a group of four. Really? Here? I have no idea if this level of electronic connection and noise is rampant in the White Mountains, but it was a discouraging discovery for me.

I had come to the Whites for peace See Worries on page 19



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**O**n August 12, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) officially took ownership of the Sheehan property, which lies adjacent to Evergreen Point, a 9-acre property that was bequeathed to ASLPT by Marjorie Young in September of 2005. Evergreen Point protects 1,000 feet of shore frontage on Little Lake Sunapee, and this new acreage will protect an additional 150 feet on the lake, as well as 130 feet of frontage on Newport Road.

The cove on the Sheehan property offers an ideal spot to place a nesting platform for loons. Sharon and Duffy Sheehan's acreage would have been a suitable property to develop and build a house on had they not been so gracious with their gift.

## Blazing Star Grange Picks Two Citizens of the Year

Tom Curren and Kathy Neustadt recognized

**Linda Wilson, Blazing Star Grange**

Blazing Star Grange #71 in Danbury held its annual Community Citizen of the Year award night on October 15. Because of the outstanding contributions of Tom Curren and Kathy Neustadt, the Blazing Star Grange recognizes them as co-recipients of the Danbury Citizen Award for 2015.

**Tom Curren**

We know Tom as Danbury's Johnny Appleseed and agricultural advocate; bean-hole bean baker; farmer; a conservator, reactivator, and promoter of old plant breeds and seeds; and the Dad to four handsome Herefords, as well as sheep and chickens. His comments and photos enliven and enlighten the Friends of Danbury Facebook page. If his cows get out and you're trying to find him, call the Danbury Country Store (his second home) first. If you are

the one needing help, ask Tom, and the big red pickup will be at your door in no time.

Tom has a distinguished career in land conservation and professional fundraising as executive director of the Lakes Region Conservation Trust and as director of the Northeast Land Trust Consortium, a grant project of the Pew Charitable Trusts – experience that can help Danbury protect its agricultural and forest lands and its open space. Tom is also a member of the Danbury Planning Board, so his expertise is available to the town.

Tom is well known as a teacher, historian, researcher, and author; one of his many publications is the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's Old Home Day in New Hampshire. Tom is also a music historian, singer/songwriter, and one of the three members of The Good Old Plough, whose repertoire of songs about old-time agriculture in New  
See Citizens on page 22



The Lennon's barn is a familiar sight to anyone who drives over Pumpkin Hill between Warner and Andover or Salisbury. Photo: Andy Deegan

## Ausbon Sargent Protects 26 Acres on Pumpkin Hill in Warner

“Conservation was always part of my plan.”

**Press release**

The Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) continues in its mission to help preserve the rural landscape by adding on September 18 the Lennon Conservation Easement in Warner to its list of protected properties. With the addition of this property, Ausbon Sargent now conserves 137 properties comprising 11,066 acres of land in its 12-town region.

Mark Lennon bought the property on Pumpkin Hill in 1990 and has spent years clearing fields and thinning an overgrowth of pines from his forests. He states that “conservation was always part of my plan,” and on September 18, Mark successfully placed an easement on the property with Ausbon Sargent.

The 26.46-acre Lennon Conservation Easement has over 424 feet of frontage on Pumpkin Hill Road. It pro-

TECTS scenic views over the property that are accessible using an adjacent Class VI road and also allows for low impact pedestrian public recreation on the trails.

The property is listed as Highest Ranked Habitat in New Hampshire, protecting abundant wildlife such as deer, moose, bear, turkeys, grouse, and the beaver found in the beaver pond wetlands at the edge of the Lennon property. Conserving this acreage also protects valuable forestry soils.

When Mark was asked why he chose to place an easement on his acreage, he responded, “It never dawned on me to do anything other than conserve the land. Every year when I was growing up, another and then another and then another of the farms where we went to pick apples and pumpkins and watch the cows get bulldozed and turned into another and then another and then another subdivision or strip mall.”

## Worries from page 18

and quiet and views and a chance to mull over worries about our planet. Drought in California, drought in Brazil. Seeing only one monarch butterfly this summer. Glacier National Park melting away. Yet another loon dead due to lead tackle. Plus, I was reading *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, by Elizabeth Kolbert. In this fascinating mix of scientific reporting and personal stories, Kolbert provides a history of the five past mass extinctions and the evidence that we are in the midst of one of our own making. “Right now,” she writes, “we are deciding, without quite meaning to, which evolutionary pathways will remain open and which will forever be closed. No other creature has ever managed this, and it will, unfortunately, be our most enduring legacy.” Next on my list to read is Naomi Klein's, *This Changes Everything*, which examines the thesis that our economic system and our planetary system are now at war. “There is still time to avoid catastrophic warming,” she contends, “but not within the rules of capitalism as they are currently constructed. Which is surely the best argument there has ever been for changing those rules.”

Except for the two noisy and annoying anomalies, my time on the mountains provided the refreshment I craved. I always come back from time in the woods feeling better. And there is some encouraging news. Although the migratory monarch population in the northeast is weak overall their situation is improving, especially in the mid west. One measure of the monarch population is by the number of hectares of butterflies overwintering in Mexico. According to Monarch Watch, two winters ago was the lowest recorded size at .67 hectares

but last winter it was up to about 1.13. Harry Vogel, executive director of the Loon Preservation Committee, reports that the annual count of loons on New Hampshire lakes, taken by 622 volunteers during a one-hour period on July 19, was up from 520 adults in 2014 to 549 this year. Chris Martin, Senior Biologist at New Hampshire Audubon, writes that “our state's peregrine population — once classified as federally endangered — has been slowly rebounding. In 2015, we have confirmation of 20 occupied territories in New Hampshire, a thriving regional population of both rural and urban-nesting pairs.” Chris also reports a record-high total of 45 territorial pairs of bald eagles in 2015, up from 41 pairs in 2014. He estimates there were 250 to 275 bald eagles present in the Granite state at the close of summer 2015.

Chris Martin will be giving a free talk “Golden Eagles Visiting New Hampshire” on November 5 from 7 to 8:30 PM at the McLane Center in Concord. You can learn about and see some amazing images of golden and bald eagles on the Maine-New Hampshire border near the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, taken using a ‘camera-trapping’ technique.

New Hampshire Audubon will hold its second annual auction: “Bid for the Birds” on Saturday, November 14 to support the conservation and environmental educational work of the organization. The event will be at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford and features one of New England's most beloved storytellers, Willem Lange. Willem will speak about his adventures filming the Saving Songbirds series for New Hampshire Public TV.

Please share your comments and questions with me at [AndoverNaturally@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverNaturally@gmail.com).

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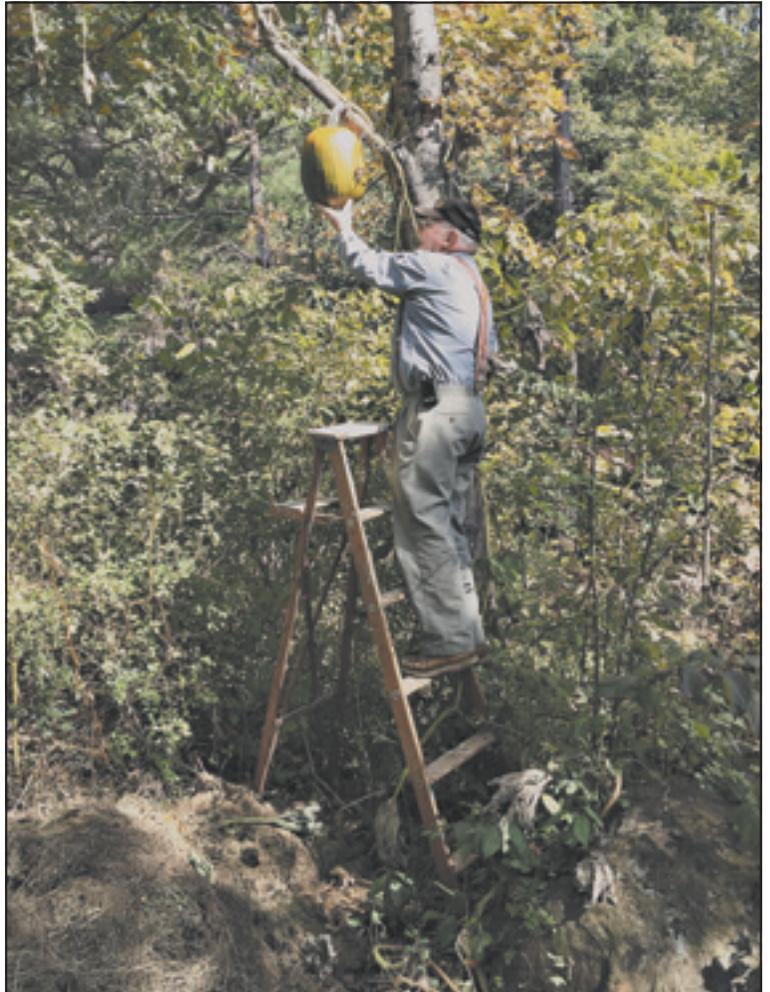
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Caption and photo: Lindy Heim



Lloyd Perreault checks on the large pumpkin he discovered growing in a tree in his backyard this year. Lloyd writes, "When I planted my pumpkin seeds this year, one plant had lofty ideas. Instead of remaining on the ground, it took to the nearest tree and wound its way up, where it nestled in a crotch and proceeded to grow and grow. Maybe it knew something, as the rest of the patch did not do so well."  
"A few days after this picture was taken, the pumpkin fell to the ground. When I noticed it was no longer in its perch, I thought, 'Oh, oh! Pumpkin pie.' But it had made it down in one piece and is now on our back step, greeting folks with a big smile."  
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## Andover Service Club, November 2015

Please remember to donate to the ASC

### Mary Ofenloch, ASC past president

At the October 14 meeting of the Andover Service Club (ASC), one of the most successful fundraisers, the annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale, was discussed, and sign-up sheets were distributed. The sale will be held on Tuesday, November 24 and Wednesday, November 25, from 11 AM until 6 PM at Circle K in



While wearing a parka of animal skins and wolverine fur, E. Jane Currier spoke to the Andover Service Club members about the years she spent teaching Eskimo children in Alaska.

Photo: Mary Ofenloch

Andover (across from Belletetes). Nine inch pies are \$9 each with a nice assortment of fruit, pumpkin, and nut pies, all homemade by the ladies of ASC. The "Gifts Galore" raffle tickets will also be sold at the pie sale. Baskets will contain a variety of gifts, handmade crafts, and gift certificates. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Christmas luncheon. Proceeds from the sales will benefit the ASC Merit Scholarship program.

The ASC members are looking forward to the annual Christmas luncheon to be held at 74 Main Restaurant in New London on December 9 at 11:30 AM.

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Last September, fundraising letters were mailed to local businesses and fliers were inserted in the *Beacon*. ASC is grateful to the people who responded so promptly and reminds those who have not, as yet, to please remember ASC and our 57 years of service to the community by making a donation in any amount you can afford. All donations are tax deductible, as ASC is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

New ASC members are always welcome and encouraged to join us, because we cannot, as an organization of dedicated volunteer women, continue to serve our community without the hard work and service of so many wonderful ladies who have selflessly given their time, talent, and support for the past 57 years.

Therefore, if you are a woman who can devote some time and energy in service to the community, come join us. We are always looking for fresh ideas and new faces to help ASC in its mission, while making new friends in a very friendly atmosphere.

For more information, e-mail Mary Ofenloch, Past President, at [MaryO.AS-Club@live.com](mailto:MaryO.AS-Club@live.com)



Claremont's Steve and Sharon Wood, veteran portrayals of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, captivated a near-capacity audience at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover on October 15 at the annual meeting of the Andover Historical Society. The performance was part of the New Hampshire Humanities Council's Humanities to Go program.

Caption and photo: Larry Chase

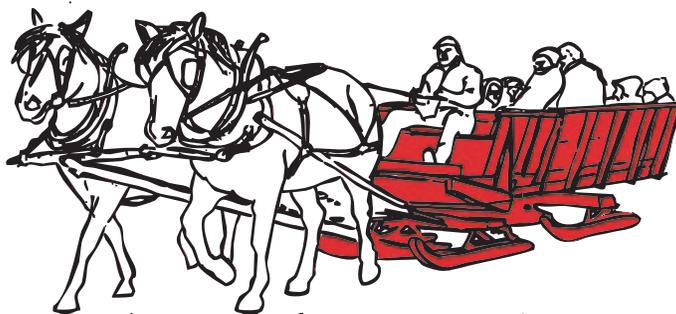
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## Blazing Star Grange Kicks Off Its Ninth Year of Winter Markets

Starts November 7 for seven months

### Press release

The ninth season of the Danbury Winter Farmers Market begins on November 7 with the first of seven monthly markets held on the first Saturday of the month at the notable Blazing Star Grange Hall. A blend of farms, artisans, and specialty food producers convene rain (snow?) or shine to market their products in a town that revels community and camaraderie.

The Blazing Star Grange's original intent for the market was to support local farms and businesses. This year, the market coordinators also hope to educate and assist the consumer as they navigate the road of local buying. With a monthly market, the most satisfied and committed market goer does some planning. Perhaps they have some hankerings for some comfort foods or are armed with a grocery list to restock their pantries. Yet, this process doesn't come naturally to all buyers, especially those new to the "buy local" movement.

The challenges that exist for both buyers and sellers were discussed last season at meetings following each of the winter markets. These discussions were key to building a stronger market this

season- one built on mutual respect and understanding by both the buyers and the sellers. Volunteers from Danbury Grows, a group that formed as a result of previous meetings, will be on hand to provide information on local food production and Danbury's heritage of self-sufficiency. With navigation help, the customer can reap the most from their market experience while saving farms, supporting the local economy, and feeding themselves.

While at the market, check out the dining nook known as the Blazing Star Bistro where breakfast sandwiches and a hot lunch are served to help defray market expenses. The market operates the first Saturday of every month, November through May from 9 to 1 PM. To help you create a New Hampshire grown holiday, the December market will have a high proportion of crafts with extended hours from 9 to 2 PM. The Grange Hall is located at 15 North Road in Danbury.

During the January through May markets, there is the opportunity for businesses, speakers and groups to hold presentations or workshops. The Grange is open to topics that will educate or aid businesses and consumers in their efforts to live sustainability. For more information, call Donna at 768-5579 or [BlazingStarGrange.org](http://BlazingStarGrange.org).



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### Citizens from page 19

Hampshire and New England has a devoted following here in Danbury and beyond.

He and Carl Hultberg have transformed the Danbury Transfer Station into a live music venue during the warm months, continuing with winter jam sessions and sock hops at the Grange and the South Danbury church. Dudley Laufman invites Tom to play concerts with him, including one held at the Grange earlier this year.

### Kathy Neustadt

Kathy is Danbury's Hostess with the Mostest, opening her home and heart for Easter sunrise breakfasts in front of a blazing fire, for the Grange Curtains Committee meetings when the Grange Hall was too cold, for summer lunches on the lawn for the Danbury Historical Society farm and garden tours, and for Danbury Grows picnics as sunset claims Mount Kearsarge. She is also the initiator and instigator of the food and flower gardens and the mini-bistro at the Danbury Transfer Station ... surely something unique to Danbury.

Kathy is a culinary writer and world traveler. Among her books is *Clambake*, published by the University of Massachusetts Press for the American

Folklore Society. As a professional folklorist, she was an organizer and presenter of the New Hampshire Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington DC, in 1999 and in New Hampshire in 2000, and she was involved in the Boston Cultural Heritage Festival.

She has had a notable career and exhibits as an assemblage artist, transforming cast-off and neglected everyday objects into art with a capital "A." Kathy has also found time for oral history and writing and grant-writing projects in New Hampshire and elsewhere.

All of these various elements of her life and work have coalesced with her creation, presentation, and promotion of the South Danbury Church Speaker Series, sharing Danbury and the wider world with each other, now in its third year and gathering enthusiastic audiences from Danbury and far beyond. But there's more: Kathy is also the impresario of the South Danbury Church Fair and the church's famous Christmas Pageant.

Even though Tom and Kathy are distinct (and distinctive) individuals, in Danbury they are also Tom 'n' Kathy, constantly encouraging and supporting each other and the community to learn, share, and help as "Danbury Grows."

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**K**earsarge Regional High School's Kearsarge Singers treated guests at the November Senior Luncheon at the Wilmot Community Association's Red Barn in Wilmot to a wonderful rendition of *One Fine Day* and other oldies.

The next Senior Luncheon will be on Wednesday, November 18 at the Red Barn in Wilmot. Join area seniors for a delicious hot meal and the chance to meet new friends. Call Margaret at 768-3805 for reservations.

Caption and photo: Lindy Heim

## Webster Elementary School PTO Hosts Holiday Fair

Vendors sought from surrounding towns

### Press release

The Webster Elementary School (WES) PTO will be hosting the ninth annual Wildcats Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 5 from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Webster Town Hall on Route 127.

The WES PTO Holiday Fair is an annual tradition that brings together residents from Webster and the surrounding communities for a day filled with festive cheer, tasty eats, amazing craftwork from local artists, and a wide assortment of raffle baskets.

To request a vendor application, or for more information, please contact Sarah Chalsma at 229-2896 or [WebsterWildcatsPTO@gmail.com](mailto:WebsterWildcatsPTO@gmail.com).

## Apples and Freedom Acres for South Danbury Speakers

Tom Curren on November 6, Loretta Rayno on the 20th

### Press release

The Speaker Series at the South Danbury Church continues its programming into November with two new events.

On November 6, Tom Curren will speak on "Maidens' Blushes and Granite Beauties: The Apples of New Hampshire." A part-time farmer, local historian, and folk musician, Tom has presented a number of programs over the years to help the Speaker Series get underway; speaking (and singing) on a number of topics relating to history – American, New England, and musical – including the Battle of Bennington, the development of the Shakers, and the roots and branches of country music, from Uncle Dave to Old Crow.

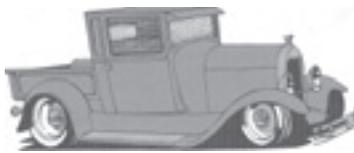
On this occasion, he will be talking about apples. "This has been an extraordinarily fruitful year here in the Granite State," Tom points out, "and the bumper crop of '15 gives us a great window into the history of apple propagation, growing, and processing over the past 200 years." Particular attention will be paid to locally important historical varieties and the prospects for growing them again in the future.

On November 20, Loretta Rayno will share "The Story of Freedom

Acres," the very successful tourist attraction on the side of Mount Kearsarge in Wilmot that was owned, built, and operated by two former WACs, Donna Niles and Kay White.

In addition to their business, Loretta was also a witness to the participation by the "girls" in Wilmot's civic life, where they played significant roles; for example, in the establishment of the town's Community Center. In addition, Donna Niles was also elected a selectman in 1959 – the first woman in that position in Wilmot's history – which caused the other two selectmen to resign in protest, claiming it was work too hard for a woman (Donna's Bronze Star for her work in Europe with the Women's Army Corps notwithstanding!). Responses to this situation (picked up and spread by newspapers around the globe), celebrity supporters, and marriage proposals sent through the mail will be part of the story that Loretta will be sharing. It's a fascinating one.

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



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**C**asey Piquette, 2½ years old, of Wilmot dances to the rhythms of the Afro-Cuban music of Grace and Lindsey Schust and Emilie Meadows of the Timbre Drums Ensemble. The ensemble performed on October 17 in the second of three free concerts at the Wilmot Community Association's Red Barn in Wilmot.

The final concert in the series will feature Carl Hultberg in a program of jazz, ragtime, and poetry at 7 PM on Saturday, November 14 at the Red Barn in Wilmot.

Caption and photo: Lindy Heim



**D**uring a recent visit to Washington DC, Judy Turk, assistant principal at AE/MS, and her daughter Rachel had *The Andover Beacon* in hand for visits to both the Pentagon and to the Press Room at the White House.

## Wilmot Historical Society Hosts "Memories of Old Wilmot"

Walter Walker to present his new book

Forshams. We will also view artifacts and photos from the Forsham family collection.

**Press release**

Don't miss the Wilmot Historical Society's (WHS) annual meeting and cracker barrel program, "Memories of Old Wilmot," from 1 to 3 PM on Sunday, November 1, at the WCA's Red Barn next to the Wilmot Post Office at 64 Village Road in Wilmot Flat.

WHS board member and history buff Fred Ogmundson will host the program and introduce the presenters, including Betsy Forsham, who will speak about her family connections to Wilmot through the Goodhues, Campbells, and

Long-time Wilmot resident and Andover High School graduate Walter Walker will present his recently published book, *History of Wilmot, New Hampshire* via black and white photos and brief descriptions.

Be sure to join your friends and neighbors for an interesting and informative Sunday afternoon walking down memory lane and recalling times past. If you have any questions, please contact Marc Davis at 927-4596. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

## Concert of Jazz and Ragtime Music Coming to WCA

Carl Hultberg performs on November 14

to noon Mondays through Thursdays and by appointment. More information is available at 526-7934 or WilmotCommunityAssociation.org, or follow the WCA on Facebook.

**Press release**

The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) will present Carl Hultberg in a free concert at 7 PM on Saturday, November 14 at the WCA's Red Barn at 64 Village Road in Wilmot.

Hultberg, a jazz historian and ragtime/jazz pianist, will read from his recent biographical work, *Rudi and Me*, play his collection of vintage jazz records, and play jazz records brought by the audience. Attendees are welcome to join in the fun by bringing an instrument to play or a song to sing.

Established in 1963, the WCA provides the facilities for educational, social, and recreational activities in the community. It owns the Red Barn, a community center, and Timothy Patten Park, a beach and playground.

The WCA office is open from 9 AM

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The Andover Afterschool Program's Friday crew enjoyed recess on a beautiful fall day. Front: Seth Spaulding, Brody Hawk, Ada Grotnes, Shelby Barton, Lily Luicha, Damien Jenifer, Mychal Reynolds, Cilla Abrahamson, Liam Murphy. Middle: Ben Kelly, Colin Murphy, Samantha Upton, Ethan Dukette, Anna Warzocha. Back: Mrs. Jacobs, Logan Welch, Ollie Grotnes, Liberty Spaulding, Mrs. Adams, Brandon Dukette.



Pre-schoolers at EAVP Emma Watkins, Azalea Morgan, Chloe Miller, and Leo Jones created colored leaves to add to the classroom's trees.

## Happy Thanksgiving from the Andover Afterschool Program!

Please help them collect Labels for Education

Diane Adams, AASP

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! It's hard to believe we are already into November.

October was filled with autumn and Halloween fun. We hunted for leaves and pine cones and searched for acorns. We made bird feeders out of the pinecones and counted the acorns and had a friendly competition. The buckets were placed outside where we could observe the squirrels and chipmunks. Whichever group had their bucket emptied first won the competition.

We followed up by making squirrels to hang up around the Annex house and took some pictures. The kids really enjoyed this. We had fun making pump-

kins, bat wind socks, and candy corn out of tissue paper.

We also had our traditional Halloween pumpkin hunt. Once a child found their pumpkin, they exchanged it for a goody bag. We also had special snacks and homemade ice cream sandwiches.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Midland fundraiser. We sold holiday gift wrap and miscellaneous items for Christmas. I would also like to thank Charlie Darling for meeting us at the Andover Food Pantry so we could remove some of the canned food labels, as we are participating in the Labels for Education Program. If anyone has any labels to donate, we have a bucket for them in our building.

We here at the Annex wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for all your support.



## Workshop in Boscawen: It's Time to Put the Gardens to Bed

Workshop on preparing for next spring

Press release

A free talk on putting the gardens to bed for the year will be held on Monday, November 2, at 6:30 PM at the Boscawen Municipal Complex (adjacent to Alan's Restaurant) on 116 North Main Street on the fourth floor (handicap accessible) in Boscawen.

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Ann LaCroix will discuss

what you need to do this fall to put your garden to bed for the winter and steps to take for an even better garden next year.

This talk will cover pruning, mulching, cover crops, soil amendments, composting, harvesting late crops, selecting seeds for next year, integrated pest management (IPM), and clean-up in and around the garden.

To register for this free talk, please contact the Boscawen Agricultural Commission at 753-9188 x301 or Agriculture03303@gmail.com.



### Board Members Wanted

The Andover After-School Program has an immediate opening for a board member. You do not need a child in the program to be on the board. Please contact Candi Spaulding at [clmspaulding@hotmail.com](mailto:clmspaulding@hotmail.com) or 848-5484.

We are recruiting for next year's board as well.

### TOO GOOD NOT TO REPEAT

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give."

- Winston Churchill

weed seeds fly with their gentle parachutes. This experience reminded us of our monarch butterflies from September. We have enjoyed revisiting our book about the experience called *Rainbow Monarch*.

The children have continued their interest in storytelling. They make their own books. They create pictures and stories, and some write important words. Our next book project will be to create our own version of *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert. The children will create pictures with collected leaves and other nature items.

Oral storytelling is another way that the children enjoy stories. They especially enjoy when the teachers make up stories starring them. One of their favorites is called *Chloe's Lost Shoe*. The children enjoy providing ideas for the story. What did happen to Chloe's shoe? Did a bird really fly away with it, as one of the children suggested? We may never know.

We are excited to share with the community that East Andover Village Preschool has teamed up with the Andover libraries to bring a storyteller named Michael Caduto to the East Andover library on Saturday, December 12, at 4:15 PM. The free program will be an hour long, interactive, and best suited for preschool through grade three.

Michael will tell a variety of Native American stories about the Earth. Check out his Web site at [P-e-a-c-e.net](http://P-e-a-c-e.net), which stands for Programs in Environmental Awareness and Cultural Exchange.

Prior to the program, EAVP children and families will be invited to enjoy a back-to-school celebration from 3 to 4 PM called "Stories from the Classroom" showcasing the experiences and learning of the children.

In the meantime, the teachers and students will prepare to put the garden to bed until spring and consider what the seasons have to share and to inspire us with in the colder months ahead.

## Shawna Barton Marries Jacob Otis on October 3

### Newlyweds living in Andover

Shawna Barton, daughter of Jeff and Tina Barton of Andover, was married to Jacob Otis, son of Steve and Cindy DelBene of Boscawen. The nuptials took place in Salisbury on October 3.

Shawna is a lifelong Andover resident and graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 2011. She graduated from Colby-Sawyer College this May with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She took a little break for wedding activities but is going to continue her studies towards a Master's Degree.

At this time, Shawna is the General Manager in Training for her family's Subway restaurants and also a manager for one of them. Shawna also works at the Andover After School Program and volunteers at the school for different events.

Jacob graduated from Merrimack Valley High School in 2010. He studied Fire Science at the Laconia Technical Institute. He is a volunteer fire fighter

for Boscawen and Andover and a lieutenant for the Salisbury Fire Department. He has worked the last several years for Weaver Brothers Construction and recently started working for JP Pest Services, Wildlife Division.

The couple will continue to reside in Andover.



Steven Hunt of Wilnot found his 1969 Chevy Impala project car in the back lot of Andover Auto Wrecking ... only to discover later that it once belonged to his great-aunt, Evelyn Morgan. Now he's working on a 1977 F-150 that he found in Sutton ... which used to belong to his grandfather, Harrison Hunt!

Photo: Lindy Heim

## Steven Hunt has Restored a Classic 1969 Chevy Impala

### Turns out, it's a car with a history

Lindy Heim, for the Beacon

Steven Hunt is not the kind of person you come across every day. Steven is a 20-year-old who has accomplished something quite extraordinary for such a young man. Motivated by a strong desire to restore an old car, it took Steven a full year and a half, but he did just that. Now he has a 1969 rebuilt Chevy Impala sports sedan purring like a kitten in his driveway.

Looking for just the right car to work on, Steven found the body of a 1969 four-door classic muscle car sitting way back in the woodlot of Andover Auto Wrecking on Main Street in Andover. He noticed the tail end first and knew he had found the right car. He bought the engine block from a friend named Mitchell who worked for his parents at Country Pine Furniture, also in Andover, and then started hunting for more parts. It wasn't easy! The front grill (which he painted himself) was found online on eBay and had to be shipped from Alaska.

Late last winter, it took all five members of his family to help him haul the rebuilt engine from his outdoor workshop half way up the side of Mount Kearsarge across the icy, muddy ground

to the awaiting restored body.

To understand Steven's passion for challenging work, he explains that he comes from a long line of people who worked the rocky farmland on Mount Kearsarge. He calls himself "original to the mountain," born and raised right where he and his family have been living for generations.

There is even an interesting coincidental fact associated with this project. It turns out that this very Chevy is "original to the mountain," too. It once belonged to a great-aunt of Steven's, Evelyn Morgan, who drove it well into the 1990s. His aunt's last car inspection sticker is still on the vehicle: 1994.

Asked about why he chose to do this long, involved project in the first place, Steven says he wanted to do the work, on his own, if only to prove that he could. He considers himself a car-building hobbyist and may show the Chevy at car shows at some point.

As a next step, he would like to restart work he has already begun on a 1977 F-150. Found in Sutton quite by chance, it turns out that years ago this Ford truck belonged to his grandfather, Harrison Hunt. It would seem that thanks to Steven, yet another "original to the mountain" vehicle will be getting a second shot at life on the road.



Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lance of Andover happily announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Faith Lance, to Josiah Thomas Vendt, son of Martha and Timothy Vendt of Boscawen. Rebecca graduated from Emmanuel College with a BA in Elementary Education and is employed at Andover Elementary/Middle School. Josiah is employed at Labsphere in Sutton. A July wedding is planned.

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# OBITUARIES

**BETTY-JEANNE D. MAHEUX**, 84, of Laconia died on September 23, 2015 at home, surrounded by her family after a brief period of failing health.

Betty-Jeanne was born on November 25, 1930 in Lowell, Massachusetts, the daughter of the late Franklin E. and Jessie L. (Goodwin) Bassett.

She moved to Laconia at the age of five. At the age of 14, she spent two years at the tuberculosis sanitarium in Glencliff. She was the first person to be rehabilitated by the State of Massachusetts for tuberculosis. She entered high school at the age of 18 and graduated with the Laconia High School Class of 1952 at the age of 21.

Betty-Jeanne apprenticed in photography under Andover photographer Frank Poblentz, who taught her the art of retouching photo negatives, printing, and coloring black and white and sepia photos with oils. She also worked for various photographers in Laconia, including Bob St. Louis, as well as doing freelance work throughout the New England states.

A self-taught artist, she taught art and graphic art classes in Franklin and then moved to Laconia and opened her studio, The Loft, when she married Paul L. Maheux in 1968. As a prolific artist, she created hundreds of paintings

in her long career.

Betty-Jeanne was a very active parishioner at Sacred Heart Church, decorating and helping to plan church functions. She taught catechism classes there for 17 years and was also a member of the Ladies of Sacred Heart. A deeply religious person, she had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother. Betty-Jeanne undertook three separate pilgrimages to the village of Medjugorje, located in what was then Yugoslavia.

Besides her parents, Betty-Jeanne is predeceased by one brother, Franklin E. Bassett Jr.

Betty-Jeanne is survived by her husband of 47 years, Paul L. Maheux; her son, Gedeon P. Maheux and his wife Mindy of Colfax, North Carolina; her brother, Donald F. Bassett of St. Cloud, Florida; her stepsisters, Louise Raymond and Linda Bassett; and her adopted sister, Judy Poblentz Perreault of East Andover. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

There were no visiting hours. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 26 at St. Andre Besette Parish – Sacred Heart Church in Laconia. Burial will take place at a later date in the family lot at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Laconia.

For those who wish, expressions of

sympathy in Betty-Jeanne's name may be made to St. Andre Parish – Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Avenue, Laconia NH 03246, or to Holy Trinity Catholic School, 50 Church Street, Laconia NH 03246. For more information, to view an online memorial, or leave a message of condolence, visit [Wilkinson-Beane.com](http://Wilkinson-Beane.com).

**LEON MARK CANGIANO JR.**, of Brookline, Massachusetts and Andover, New Hampshire, died on September 27, 2015 after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's.

Mark was born in Boston on November 27, 1941, the son of Leon Mark, Sr. and Eleanor (Holt) Cangiano. After graduating from Milton Academy (1959) and Middlebury College (1963), he joined his father's insurance business, which had been founded in 1929. Mark assumed ownership of Inland Underwriters Insurance Agency in the mid-1970s and enjoyed a successful career until he retired in 2009.

He was active in the insurance industry in the Boston area and was proud to be part of the North End/Waterfront area revitalization by developing an unoccupied warehouse into apartments in 1976. He served on the Board of Norfolk and Dedham Insurance Group

and the Immigrant Learning Center in Malden and was a long-time Trustee of Proctor Academy in Andover.

Mark was a life-long Boston sports fan who especially cherished the Red Sox' World Series Championship in 2004. He loved outdoor sports of all kinds, particularly golf and skiing; walking his beloved Brittany spaniels Harry, Carney, and Titus; and long, convivial dinners with his and Karen's many friends.

He leaves his wife of almost 40 years, Karen (Peterson) Cangiano and his son, Leon J. Cangiano, both of Brookline; his step-mother, Barbara Cangiano of Maryland; his sister, Brenda (Cangiano) Godwin of Andover; 14 nieces and nephews, including James C. Godwin of Reading, Massachusetts, who succeeded him as president of Inland Underwriters; and 22 grandnieces and grandnephews.

Gifts in his memory may be made to the Leon Cangiano Scholarship Fund at Proctor Academy, PO Box 500, Andover NH 03216, which was established by Mark and his father to provide scholarship support to students who are graduates of Andover Elementary/Middle School.

His family will invite friends to celebrate his life with them at a later date.

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## Franklin Savings Bank's Softball Tournament Raises \$6,400

Byron's Septic among the teams participating

**Press release**

The 22nd annual Franklin Savings Bank (FSB) Charity Softball Tournament, recently held at Odell Park in Franklin, raised \$6,400 to support three local children's charities. This year's beneficiaries were Awareness for Adalyn, Every Child is Ours, and the Paul Smith Playground Fund.

Sisti Law Office was crowned tournament champion, followed by Winni Grille and Patrick's Pub and Eatery at second and third, respectively. Sisti Law Office was undefeated throughout the tournament, which featured 13 teams, including Franklin Savings Bank, Swamp Donkeys, Zombie Rendezvous, Scared Hitless, PatrAngie, Local Eatery, Aware-

ness for Adalyn, Byron's Septic of Andover, SKR Site Services, and Sanel Auto Parts.

**This Year's Beneficiaries**

Awareness for Adalyn was founded to honor the life of Adalyn, who was born with a rare, gene-linked brain malformation called Lissencephaly. Funds raised will promote awareness and education for Lissencephaly.

Every Child is Ours is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of ensuring that no child in need goes without food.

The Paul Smith School Playground Fund was established to raise money for playground equipment at Paul Smith Elementary School in Franklin.

Since 1997, the FSB Charity Softball Tournament has raised over \$67,000 for countless local charities throughout the Greater Franklin area.

## Mount Sunapee Resort Receives Seven Top-10 Rankings

**Press release**

Mount Sunapee Resort received seven top-10 rankings for the Eastern United States and Canada in the annual *Ski Magazine* Reader Survey which appears in their October issue.

Mount Sunapee ranked #3 in Grooming and #4 in Snow Quality. Over the past ten years, Mount Sunapee has averaged a #3 ranking in Grooming and Snow Quality, and no other resort in the East has matched that consistency over the past decade.

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Andover's fifth and sixth grade girls team was undefeated in their regular season games.

## Andover Recreation Soccer 5/6 Girls Finish Regular Season Undefeated

Finish third in final tournament

Heidi Murphy, Andover Rec soccer

The Andover Recreation soccer teams finished out the season in great shape. The fifth and sixth grade tournaments were held on October 17.

The fifth and sixth grade girls, who were coached by Claudio Marcus and Jeremy Menard, had an undefeated season. They made the Division A tournament, which hosted six teams that also had undefeated seasons. The girls fared well and came in third in the tournament.

The fifth and sixth grade boys team, coached by David and Morgan Salathe, finished with a 6-5 record and ended up playing the B Division Tournament held in Bradford. The boys' goals weren't quite there for the tournament, but throughout the year they grew as a team and had moments of greatness.

Andover' third and fourth grade boys, coached by Heidi Murphy, Michelle Dudek, and Amy Rheume, were

able to be split into two separate teams for the season. Both teams went to the Bob Andrews Memorial Tournament held in New London on October 11. Both teams worked hard and had a great time, especially when supportive parents brought snacks throughout the day.

Our first and second graders ended their season on October 10 with a friendly scrimmage among them. Michelle Dudek and Lindsay and Scott Allenby headed up this group and did a fantastic job of encouraging the young athletes with their new soccer skills.

I would like to thank all the volunteer coaches for giving up their time and being a positive role model for our youth players. I would also like to thank Leighton Terwilliger and Alan Hanscom for volunteering their time with their referee skills. We were also able to have skilled help from Camden Donovan, Zac Cronin, and Gloriana Brown.

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Andover's fifth and sixth grade boys team went 6-5 in the regular season.

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The 2015 AE/MS soccer team. Front: Katie Bent, Vienna Marcus. Middle: Cedar Kiedaisch, Lilly Furtkamp, Jazlyn Perkins, Sadie Barton, James Southworth, Tori Braley, Ryelle Jenifer, Gavin Elliott. Back: Coach Makechnie, Caleb Chevarie, Will Furtkamp, Riley Keezer, Elijah Wakeman, Liam Donovan. Photo: Jen Bent

## AE/MS Soccer Team Ends with a Winning Season

Hit its stride by mid-season

Amy Makechnie  
AE/MS soccer coach

The seventh and eighth grade Andover Eagles co-ed soccer team finished a winning season on October 21 with a big win over Franklin, a team that had previously beaten us twice.

Our first match-up against Franklin Middle School was early in September, on a frigid Saturday morning during an AE/MS-hosted jamboree on Carr Field at Proctor Academy. Franklin beat the Eagles handily, with Andover scoring zero shots.

A rematch in October showed just how much progress the Eagles had made in a month: up at the half, we lost by one goal in the final minutes of the game. Though this was a victory in itself, we were hungry for one more game, knowing we had the capability to pull out a win.

Momentum had been steadily growing. As the season progressed, the team began to hear comments that went something like this: "Wow! Is that the same team we played before?" This was especially true after a 2-0 win against an all-boys Kearsarge team who had beaten us three times previously!

To get ready for our last match-up against Franklin, we practiced every day of the school week, focusing on speaking kindly to one another when a mistake was made, making good and crisp back passes, communicating, and angling out Franklin's extremely fast striker – and we did it!

AE/MS goalie Will Furtkamp was unlucky with Franklin's only goal – a penalty shot. The rest of the time he controlled the back like a boss, coming out when necessary, being vocal, and sending the ball out to our defensive mid-field players.

As usual, our defensive force showed up, angling out the offensive attack: Lilly Furtkamp and Cedar Kiedaisch out on the wings and Elijah Wakeman,

Vienna Marcus, and Jazlyn Perkins controlling the middle defense in front of the goal with the ability to send the ball far and wide with their tremendous kicks.

Our midfielders, who have to run the most, were Tori Braley, Elijah Wakeman, Vienna Marcus, James Southworth, Sadie Barton, and Ryelle Jenifer. They hustled up and down the field, sometimes making their own goals, sometimes setting up our forwards: Caleb Chevarie, Riley Keezer, Gavin Elliott, Liam Donovan (also a terrific goalie), and Katie Bent of the killer left foot.

Caleb had a great goal after following a shot off the side-bar, and Elijah (playing with a sore knee) scored our second goal in the final minute of the game with a corner kick; the team bench went crazy. We ended with a 2-1 win, a fantastic end-of-season game on a beautiful October afternoon.

This team came so far in two months! In late August, a little rusty from summer, we may have somewhat resembled the Bad New Bears, with just 12 players (down from a talented squad of 28 from the previous year). We were up to 15 players by the middle of September, though still not expecting to win many games.

We hit our stride at mid-season, stepping up and playing every game with heart and demonstrating better ball handling. After wins against Campton, Kearsarge, and Franklin, we ended the season with a winning record (6-5-1), learned how to play the game of soccer a little better, and had great fun along the way.

A special thanks to Athletic Director Jim Tucker; Proctor Academy; and the parents who provided snacks, rides, missing mouth guards and cleats and supported us on the sidelines. It's always bittersweet to see our eighth graders move on, but we look forward to hearing about their soccer seasons next year. And to my seventh graders and upcoming sixth graders – see you on the field next year!

## Cross Country Teams Running Strong as States Draw Near

### Setting new milestones at every meet

**Brian Reynolds, coach**

The second month of cross country at AE/MS started with some new members for the boys team. Lagan Salathe and Elliot Norris joined before our meet at Merrimack Valley. Lagan joined the team in Merrimack Valley and jumped right into the top 5. Elliot watched at Merrimack Valley then ran his first race at Hopkinton and joined Lagan in the top five.

The Merrimack Valley meet ended up being a lot bigger than even the MV hosts had expected. There were eight teams: Merrimack Valley, Andover, Bow, Kearsarge, Hopkinton, Winnisquam, Gilford, and Henniker.

The girls race started things off with Andover running really well. At one mile, Sophia Reynolds had settled into the lead group with talented runners from Merrimack Valley and Hopkinton. The rest of the Andover girls ran together a little back, led by Brynne Makechnie and Morganne Budgett. As the girls emerged from the woods for the final time, Sophia was behind but with 300 meters to go started to move up. With 150 meters to go she had pulled even with the runners from Merrimack Valley and Hopkinton. The three of them battled back and fourth to the finish line, with Sophia edging them out for the win.

Brynne was the next Andover finisher having a fantastic day running her second mile 45 seconds faster than her first. Morganne was third in a breakout performance. Rounding out the team were Sasha Mackenzie, Lily Menard, and Alexis Plante. Everyone showed steady improvement.

The boys team started off strong in the field of 116 led by Cyrus King, Jesse Niemeyer, and Jeremy Johnson finishing the first mile in less than eight minutes. Newcomer Lagan Salathe jumped into the middle of the team with Caleb Warzocha, Aaron Weeks, and Colin Coolidge and ran a strong race. The second mile saw all the boys move

up with Jesse, Cyrus, Jeremy, Lagan, Colin, Caleb, and Aaron running a faster second mile than the first. The whole top seven running a negative split is a fantastic accomplishment and a smartly run race.

Logan Smith ran a strong race and outkicked a Bow runner that he had paced with for most of the second mile. Tyler Champagne, Fenn Davis, and River Turnbull showed solid improvement, running well together.

The team traveled to Hopkinton for an Invitational near the Blue Gate of the fairgrounds. This was another big meet to help us get ready for States. Sophia and Brynne led the way again, with Sophia taking the overall win. It was another great team effort with Sophia, Brynne, Sasha, and Alex all running lifetime bests on the Hopkinton course.

The boys had a breakthrough as a team in Hopkinton. Jesse, Cyrus, Jeremy, Lagan, and Elliot all ran together the whole way. Jeremy led the team through the halfway point with everyone else in the top five and within 30 seconds. At the finish, Jesse led the way in 15:52, followed by Cyrus, Jeremy, Lagan, and Elliot. The time between our first and fifth runners was an exceptional 1:34.

Both teams have worked hard, and the improvement was really starting to show by the time we hosted Shaker Road on the nordic trails at Proctor Ski Area. To up the level of fun, the AE/MS soccer team helped manage the race, and some members jumped into the race, too.

Sophia and Brynne led the way, finishing first and second. Shaker Road had the next seven spots before Sasha, Lily, Morganne, Maura, and Alex arrived. Shaker Road won the meet 25 to 36 on the strength of their third through ninth pack running.

Alex ran her best race of the year, shaving several minutes off her time despite running the toughest course of the year.

The boys race was really close. Shaker Road took first, Cyrus came in



Cyrus King (middle) led the way for Andover at the recent Kearsarge meet.

second, then Shaker Road, then Jesse, then two Shaker Road runners followed by Jeremy, Eliot, and Lagan. Shaker Road got the next three spots to edge Andover 25 to 30. Caleb and Colin completed the top seven for Andover, followed by strong runs by Aaron and Tyler. Fenn was edged out by Lagan in a sprint to the line, and River finished to a strong ovation from the crowd.

Our last meet before the State meet was at Kearsarge with Bow and Kearsarge. The team was rewarded for all their hard work. All the girls ran Lifetime Personal Best times on the Kearsarge course. The boys followed

suit, with everyone having either a Lifetime or Season's Best.

The teams have one more week of practice before the State meet on October 24 in Londonderry. Andover will have a girls and boys team in the Championship races for the first time. We will also have several boys running in the sixth grade race. It should be an exciting day.

The State meet is attended by 55 teams from all of New Hampshire. There are over 2,500 middle school runners competing in 10 races starting at 11:30 AM and wrapping up with Championship races starting at 2:30 PM.



Many AE/MS families went to Andover Town Pride Night at the MVHS football game earlier this fall. AE/MS students displayed banners and were called out to the field for recognition at halftime. The middle school students -- among them Riley Keezer, James Southworth, Katie Bent, Jazlyn Perkins, and Vienna Marcus -- had a fun evening. Photo: Judith Turk

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Pictured are (back) Oliver Andrews, Miles Hurlbutt, Dante Mori, Wyatt King, Jason Koziel, Caden Budgett, Becca Lance, and Emily Hackmann; (front) Ella Noyes, Norah Carlson, Braeden MacKenzie, Arienna Perry, Ellie Welch, and Ashley Neuberger.  
 Photo: Heidi Unger

**Becca Lance, AE/MS '07,  
 Now Works at the School**

Substitute last year,  
 paraprofessional this year

**Becca Lance, AE/MS**

I have lived in Andover my whole life and graduated from AE/MS in 2007. After graduating from MVHS in 2011, I studied elementary education at Emmanuel College in Boston, Massachusetts. Upon graduating with a BA in December 2014, I returned to Andover and became a substitute teacher at AE/MS.

I now work there full time as a paraprofessional. Being both a student and staff member at AE/MS has given me a unique perspective of the school.

It's great to see that many traditions I enjoyed as a student are still being continued today. The highlights of my days at AE/MS included helping to write and perform plays in second grade, enjoying games with my family and students of all ages at Math Night, browsing the book fair in the library for new stories and magazines, memorizing a poem every year in the hopes of being chosen for Poetry Night, learning the recorder in third grade and singing at the concerts each year, having my grandparents come to the school for the Grandparents Thanksgiving lunch, browsing the Holiday Shoppe in search of the perfect gift for each of my family members, learning new and exciting skills at SHARE Day, and looking forward to Field Day and the barbecue on the last day of school.

Seeing current students experience the same joy I did as they participate in these events and activities is wonderful. It is also great to see what fresh ideas and new traditions have begun since I left AE/MS, such as Walk and Bike to School Day, the musical performed by the middle schoolers, Literacy Night, and the creation of a chorus. Although some of the staff has changed since I was a student, many of the newcomers have thrown themselves into these trademark AE/MS events and helped create new ones.

I completed my student teaching practicum in an elementary school in Boston, Massachusetts, which has changed the way I now view my own elementary and middle school experience. I realize how lucky I was to attend a school that offered all of these "extras," and I have a new-found appreciation for the dedication of many members of the AE/MS staff and volunteers and the close-knit community they work to create.

As a student I did not realize the amount of work and planning that went into these events, so "Thank you!" to everyone who continues to make them possible! I am grateful for the recent opportunities I have had to help carry on these traditions.

I have offered a SHARE Day workshop on making duct tape wallets for several years now, and last year I helped wrap presents for students at the Holiday Shoppe and listened to each student in the school recite a poem to determine who would perform at Poetry Night. It has been great to give back to the community and help carry on these traditions.

While many things about AE/MS are the same, there are some clear differences. When I was in kindergarten, it was only a half day, but now AE/MS has full-day kindergarten. I think this is great for Andover, as it helps better prepare youngsters for first grade on intellectual, social, and emotional levels.

It is also great to see AE/MS preparing students for the technology-rich world we live in today. Smartboards, iPads, and Chromebooks can be found in all grade levels. They are a great source of motivation and also provide students with great resources and targeted learning. I wish all this technology had been around when I was in elementary and middle school!

Working at Andover has been a great experience thus far. Next year, I hope to put my elementary education certification to use and be a classroom teacher.

See Becca on page 37



Several years ago, Robyn Boisvert graduated from AE/MS. Now, Ms. Robyn is a student at NHTI studying Early Childhood Development. As part of her practicum, she works every week in Mrs. Bent's AE/MS class with the first graders. She helps the students with reading and writing. Ms. Robyn is kind and caring. The students look forward to seeing her each day.

Coincidentally, Robyn's grandmother, Diane Boisvert (equally kind and caring), has been a volunteer in Mrs. Bent's class for many years. "Ms. Robyn is a fantastic teacher!" states Sam Gilman. Front: Sam Gilman, Paige Orcutt, Jayden Dashnaw, Ms. Robyn, Victoria Koron, Wyatt Barton, JT Pourby, Killian Considine, Adalyn Boucher. Back: Brennan Dunklee (peeking above Sam), Tony Mori, Addison Bickford, Camden Donovan.

Caption and photo: Jen Bent



Second graders at AE/MS have been working hard on another part of the curriculum: behavior. Pictured here is Ms. Jacobs presenting a puppet show she wrote and created for the students about peer pressure. The students loved the show and hopefully gained some very valuable information about not falling prey to peer pressure.

Caption and photos: Gretchen Hildebrand



On October 6, all the students at AE/MS walked over to the Andover Fire Station on Main Street to learn about Andover's volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

In this photo, a few students have suited up and are working as a team with Andover fire fighters as they pretend to take a hose into a burning building. (The hose and the water are real!) AE/MS thanks firefighters Jeff Miller, Diane Miller, and Andy Guptill for taking time in their busy schedules for this special annual event!



On October 7, students and staff at AE/MS participated in International Walk to School Day, a global event in which communities in over 40 countries walk and bike to school on the same day to support year-round safe routes to school. Andover students are bused to different starting points at the beginning of the day and walk to school together.

For example, the first graders begin on Short Street and walk along the Rail Trail to school. Nearing the end of their nearly mile-long walk are (front) Alyssa Wheeler, Anya Chadbourne, Lily Lucha, Talia Hardie; (second row) Parker Sweeney, Linden Morgan, Greg Howard, Isaac Norris, Colin Murphy, Jacob Hersey; (third row) Victoria Koron, Paige Orcutt, Addison Bickford, Adalyn Boucher; and (back) Jayden Dashnaw, Killian Considine, Wyatt Barton, Brennan Dunklee, Sam Gilman, Tony Mori, JT Pourby, Camden Allenby.

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**M**oriah Sirois, Elizabeth Henderson-McDonald, and Norah Carlson were among the AE/MS fourth graders who really enjoyed making papier mache masks with Ms. Minnehan. Stop in and see the creative masks!  
Caption and photo: Jane Slayton

## AE/MS News, November 2015

### Help collect Box Tops for Education for playground

Jane Slayton, AE/MS principal

AE/MS is already at the halfway point of the first trimester. Progress reports have been sent home and parent/teacher conferences are underway.

AE/MS students are very busy! Students play soccer, run cross country, play football, and play field hockey. This fall they have visited the Andover Fire Station, the New Hampshire Statehouse, Highland Lake Apple Farm, and New Hampshire Fish and Game. They've participated in Walk to School Day, auditioned for *Seussical the Musical*, and enjoyed Math Night. Some have written, rehearsed, and performed in a Halloween play. All have been amazed by engaging science activities, produced thoughtful writing, learned new songs, and created amazing art work. Of course, lots of reading and math work happens every day. AE/MS continues to be a very busy place!

Welcome Annie Mackenzie! Annie is the newest member of the Andover School Board. Annie will fill the seat recently vacated by Anne Swayze until the March town elections. Annie brings experience, an educational background, and enthusiasm to the position.

The Andover School Board members and administrators are busily engaged these days. They are in the midst of budget season, teacher negotiations, and the facility study.

Again this year flu immunizations were available for students and staff members. A record number of students participated. Parents and staff members appreciate the convenience of this service and are grateful that Christine Frost has coordinated this effort for AE/MS.

Our soccer and cross country teams are nearing the end of their seasons. Both teams have been successful by many different measures. A memorable part of the season took place at the home cross country meet when the

teams collaborated for the event. The soccer players ran in the event and supported the cross country runners. Coach Reynolds and Coach Makechnie couldn't be more proud of their enthusiastic team members. Many of the young athletes have met or surpassed their personal goals for the season. AE/MS appreciates the wonderful coaches who share their time, expertise, passion, and nurturing attitude with the students. We are fortunate.

The Homecoming Dance was held in October. This is always a big night. Most of Andover's ninth grade students return for the dance. The teachers and younger classmates look forward to seeing them and hearing about their high school experience thus far. It is also a much-anticipated night for sixth grade students, as this is their first AE/MS dance experience. I would say it did not disappoint on either end. It was wonderful visiting with our ninth graders, and it was fun watching the sixth graders dance and snack the night away.

The Town of Andover is again generously making the ski program available and affordable to Andover families. Sue Norris and Jen Hauser manage the program. The first ski day will be on Friday, January 8, and the program will run for five Fridays, weather permitting. Students have the opportunity to ski or snowboard at Ragged Mountain. The Town provides bus transportation. Rental equipment is made available through Ragged Mountain.

Participating students will be dismissed from school early on Friday afternoons to participate in the town program. Volunteers transport ski and snowboard equipment to the mountain and back to school again. The program is dependent on volunteers. Please contact Jen or Sue if you can help. Our students are fortunate to have this amazing opportunity during their school day.

Math Night is upon us and excitement is in the air. Math Night has traditionally been the most highly attended event of the entire school year. This year the theme was Minions! There are a million reasons to love math. There are a million ways we use math.

Teachers from AE/MS and Proctor Academy came together and offered math centers for families to play with math. Activities are geared for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. It is always fun, and prizes are numerous. Everyone loves math!

We hope to see members of our community at least twice in November. We will be honoring our local veterans on Tuesday, November 10 for Veterans Day, and we will be celebrating grandparents and older relatives on Thursday, November 19 for Grandparent Thanksgiving.

Box Tops for Education are still being collected. Box Tops are redeemed for cash which is directed toward the playground. We still have big plans for  
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Governor Hassan joined the AE/MS fourth grade for a "photo op" in the capitol last month. Photo: Brenda Lance

## AE/MS Fourth Graders Visit State Government

They vote "No!" on year-round school

Brenda Lance, AE/MS

On September 28, 2015, twenty-eight fourth grade students from Andover Elementary School visited the New Hampshire State House. After a brief stop in the visitor's center, where they met Andover's Representative, Mario Ratzki, they made their way to Representatives Hall, where the Representatives meet and vote. Our tour guide, Debbie, described how they receive, discuss, and vote on bills. She explained the "made-up" bill of year-round schooling to the students, and they were able to speak for or against it if they wanted to. The students then had the opportunity to vote on whether year-round schooling should be instituted in New Hampshire. Although the voting buttons were not on, it was evident that the majority of students were not in favor of year-round schooling!

They ventured into the Senate Chambers, and then were able to meet

Governor Hassan for a photo. She greeted them enthusiastically, told them about her job, and asked them a few questions.

They also met Senator Regina Birdsell, who took time out of her busy day to say hello to us. She represents District 19, which is comprised of the towns of Derry, Windham, and Hampstead.

Following the tour of the State House, they headed up to the N.H. Fish and Game Department, where they enjoyed lunch outside at the picnic tables.

The students explored the Discovery Room and saw several animals in their natural habitats, and a variety of N.H. landscapes and wildlife. In addition to a blue heron, beaver, fisher, and bobcat, they also saw a life-sized moose cow and her calf! But they weren't alive – they have been preserved by taxidermy!

Heidi Murphy, New Hampshire Fish & Game Conservation Officer, showed us several animal pelts and the students were able to touch all of them! They all agreed the beaver pelt was the softest of them all.



AE/MS second graders have been studying about insects this fall. First they observed and learned all about "complete metamorphosis" by raising pet mealworms through all stages to the final adult stage of darkling beetle. They also made habitats for and raised milkweed bugs from eggs. The eggs were difficult to see unless the students looked through a microscope.

Milkweed bugs go through "incomplete metamorphosis": a nymph hatches from the egg and just sheds and grows bigger, continuing to shed until it reaches its adult size. In this photo, Daniel Shedd releases the adult milkweed bugs from the habitat while Anna Warzocha, Ollie Grotnes, Emma Raymond, and Liam Fecteau assist.

Caption and photo: Gretchen Hildebrand

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Although this will probably mean I am working at a different school, I am

looking forward to bringing the lessons I have learned at AE/MS as a student and teacher to a new school, classroom, and students.

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the playground and skate park and more work to do. There are two points in the school year when box tops are turned in to the company, but collection goes year round. Right now we have a push on to get lots collected by the end of October. We will have a pair of Manchester Monarchs tickets for the student who brings in the most box tops before October 28.

AE/MS will not be selling holiday wreaths this year. Profits in the past went toward providing decorated wreaths for town buildings. We are exploring other ways to share holiday cheer and appreciation with our town neighbors this year.

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Ryleigh Perry and Indira McIntyre were among the AE/MS second graders who used the school's amphitheater for a reading workshop one lovely fall day.  
Caption and photo: Gretchen Hildebrand



Adalyn Boucher, an AE/MS first grader, holds an autumn tree she made as part of a project lead by Ms. Van Horn. Ms. Van Horn works with the first graders each week strengthening their fine motor skills. Ms. Martin, our occupational therapist, also works with the first graders on pencil grip, letter formation, positioning of the body while writing, and sometimes skipping and hopping, too!  
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works hard to promote walking and biking to school among its students. Situated right on the Northern Rail Trail, the school hosts regular bike-to-school days to promote active living among students and families. The school will be using Wellness Connection dollars to buy much-needed bike racks that will be available to students, staff, and visitors. And they plan to expand bike-to-school programming to increase physical activity among students.

The Kearsarge Council on Aging's (COA) Senior Nutrition program is an expansion of a pilot project begun last year that provides monthly lunches and social programming to seniors. Free healthy lunches will be provided for seniors in low-income housing in both Newbury and New London, as well as seniors in Sunapee. In addition to providing delicious, warm, and nutritious meals, COA is committed to addressing social isolation, a risk factor common among senior populations.

The Windy Hill Laboratory School at Colby-Sawyer College is undertak-

ing a comprehensive nutrition education program for children ages one through five and their parents. This program focuses on securing healthy, local, and seasonal foods to create fun and nutritious recipes for the children. Not only is the college engaging its students in the process – assignments for several college classes will include developing age-appropriate healthy menus and snacks – but the school also plans to post all materials and progress on its Web site so that other centers can adopt similar models in the future.

Finally, Newbury Public Library sought grant funding due to a strong desire to expand their mission to include the promotion of health and wellness. While they have long hosted a variety of after-school programs, none have specifically encouraged active living. Grant funds have been used to buy a variety of giant games that are being incorporated into weekly programming. These games are also available free of charge for individuals and local recreation departments to check out. They are already proving very popular with the children.

**Ocean from page 40**

used the word 'ominous' while staring intently ahead.

"The fog was equally ominous as it was calming. Our watch was working hard to see any obstructions or ships, to no avail, and yet the fog graciously blocked any worries to be had by the crew or captain.

"The fog allowed us to admire other, closer aspects that one does not normally notice while straining one's eyes for the distant waves. C Watch observed bioluminescent jellyfish in the wake of

the *Roseway*. Although the fog blocked the stars in the sky, it forced us to observe the stars in the sea.

"The luminescence only appeared when water was moved. One of the many secrets of the sea was revealed to us because the fog blocked our view of the vast ocean ahead.

"Moral of the story: look closely at what is close to you."

To follow Ocean Classroom's journey, including former AE/MS Eagles Taylor Methven, Cope Makechnie, and Carl Hubbard, visit [Blogs.ProctorAcademy.org/topic/ocean-classroom](http://Blogs.ProctorAcademy.org/topic/ocean-classroom).



Last month, Proctor shared the exciting news that fundraising was complete for the new Dining Commons, a 16,000 square foot dining facility located at the west end of campus. If you have driven down Main Street over the past month, you have surely seen excavators, dump trucks, and surveying crews laying the groundwork for this facility.

By the time this issue of the *Beacon* is published, a new entry point to the Farrell Field House and Teddy Maloney '88 Hockey Rink will be complete. If you are entering Proctor's campus through this new roadway, please be cautious of the construction and odd traffic patterns taking place.

Caption and photo: Scott Allenby

**Michael Kimmell Addresses Proctor Community on Gender Equality**

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

On October 16, Proctor welcomed guest speaker Michael Kimmell to campus to address the community. In an on-going effort to educate students and faculty on the challenges of adolescent relationships in today's society, Kimmell's expertise as one of the preeminent voices in engaging men to support gender equality around the world was much appreciated.

Kimmell has lectured at more than 300 colleges, universities, and high

schools. He shared his expertise with Proctor's students during an all-school assembly. Kimmell also took the time to meet over dinner, prior to his presentation, with a group of 20 boys who serve as leaders within the community.

Students left the presentation not only with an enhanced understanding of the complexity of gender equality and its role within a healthy community, but also with specific actions they can take in their own lives to make a difference.

**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!

Send news of how they're doing in college, in their careers, engagements, marriages, babies, promotions, etc. Everyone in town takes great pride in seeing how "our" kids turn out – please help us keep them up to date.

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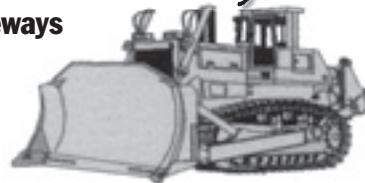
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C Watch on board the *Roseway* includes Taylor Methven and Carl Hubbard, both former AE/MS students now at Proctor Academy.

## Proctor's Ocean Classroom is a Transformative Experience

### Three Andover students are aboard

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

While aboard Proctor Academy's Ocean Classroom program, students have limited contact with family and friends on the mainland. A few letters home and one phone call from Cumberland Island, Georgia are a drastic change from the normal day-to-day conversations students and parents have become accustomed to.

Student journals are a powerful window into the transformative nature of the Ocean Classroom experience. Below is a short entry from Andover's Taylor Methven '16, shared with us by the crew aboard the schooner *Roseway*.

Taylor writes:

"Caroline lovingly interrupted my dream at 0430. I opened my eyes expecting it to be 0600. I had been up three hours earlier for Anchor Watch. I insisted that I already did my anchor watch and that something must be wrong.

"My shipmates calmly informed me that all of C Watch was to be awake at 0430 to help *Roseway* get underway at 0500. I grudgingly swung my legs out of my bunk and placed my warm feet on the damp sole of the fo'c'sle.

"What used to be a clear, star-filled sky was now blanketed (or rather we were blanketed) by an intense fog, blinding our watch crew and Captain Pao from seeing 100 yards in front of the bow. After raising the anchor, Eliza and Cavo put five of the seven crew members on bow watch to try to increase visibility. We were as blind as if we had no one on bow watch.

"JoJo and I stood on the starboard bow, trying to keep ourselves awake by singing the *Pirates of the Caribbean* theme, the *Star Wars* theme, and excerpts from other musical artistry.

"The fog was thick. Our watch, now all on Bow Watch, were all hoping we would see whatever was lying ahead of us before it ran into *Roseway*. Jojo

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Six AE/MS students from grades six through eight earned Remembrance Caps donated by Bill Leber and Andover's American Legion Post #101. Pictured here are Skip Powers of Post #101, Lilly Furtkamp, Vienna Marcus, William Furtkamp, Sasha Mackenzie, Gavin Elliott, Sophie Reynolds, and Bill Leber of Post #101.

## AE/MS Makes Connections Between September 11 and December 7

### Post #101 donates Remembrance Caps

Jim Tucker, AE/MS

Students in grades six through eight at AE/MS participated in the annual Day of Remembrance by discussing the importance of remembering the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The students developed an understanding of the events of 9/11 and compared them to the attack on Pearl Harbor. The students engaged in a class discussion and then participated in creating ideas on ways to commemorate these two historic events. The topic question was "Why should these two dates never be forgotten?" The students

formed important connections, presented a lot of great information, and came up with heartfelt ideas. The impact this annual event has on the students is amazing to see.

A big thank you to Bill Leber and Legion Post #101 for donating Remembrance Caps, given to the creators of selected standout ideas. This year it was extremely challenging to choose only six students.

Congratulations to the following students who are now the proud owners of the Remembrance Caps.

Grade 8: William Furtkamp and Vienna Marcus

Grade 7: Gavin Elliott and Lilly Furtkamp

Grade 6: Sasha Mackenzie and Sophie Reynolds

## AE/MS Receives a Mini-Grant from New London Hospital

### Will be used to buy bike racks for school

Press release

The Wellness Connection for a Healthy Lake Sunapee Region is pleased to announce the recipients of grants from its second round of giving through the Community Wellness Mini-Grant program. Launched in early 2015 by New London Hospital, the program invites area nonprofit organizations and municipal/school groups

to apply for grant funding to advance healthy eating or active living in the Lake Sunapee Region.

Four community organizations were selected from a competitive pool of applicants for funding of their programs: Andover Elementary/Middle School, Kearsarge Council on Aging, Colby-Sawyer College's Windy Hill Laboratory School, and Newbury Public Library.

Andover Elementary/Middle School

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Dear Andover Veteran,

The students and faculty members of Andover Elementary/Middle School are preparing their annual Veterans Day program to recognize the contributions that veterans like you have made to our country. It is our pleasure to do so.

On Tuesday morning, November 10, at 9 AM, we will honor and salute our local veterans who have made it possible for us to live in the land of the free, because they were the brave. On this day, and every day, we pay tribute to those who answered our country's call. We respect and honor those sacrifices that have been made for our country.

We will never forget the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice and all those who have not yet returned home. On Veterans Day, we salute the members of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, and Air Force who have rendered the highest service any American can offer.

Following the assembly we will host the Eagle Cafe, where you can consume patriotic-themed refreshments while enjoying each other's company.

Thank you from all of us at Andover Elementary/Middle School. We very much look forward to seeing you on November 10.

Jane Slayton,  
AE/MS Principal