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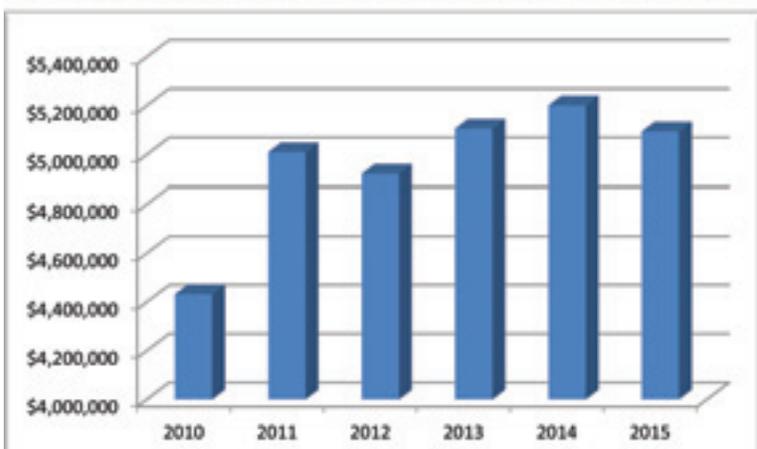
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Andover Fire Department Deputy Chief Ellis is silhouetted by the training fires set at the old Cilleyville Bookstore property on November 22.

Photo: Meghan Barton

To Be Raised by Taxes - Past Six Years					
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$4,431,790	\$5,009,718	\$4,921,453	\$5,105,830	\$5,200,882	\$5,093,965



The scale on this graph is offset (doesn't begin at \$0) in order to highlight the small year-to-year differences. Statistically, the five-year trend is close to flat.

Amount to be Raised by Taxes Down 2.1%

Average Andover tax bill drops 2.5%

Ed Hiller, Budget Committee

The amounts to be raised by taxes for Andover for 2015 add up to \$5,093,965. This is a decrease over last year of \$106,917 (2.1%). A small increase in the total town valuation for 2015 resulted in a decrease in the tax rate of 2.5%. The 2015 tax bill for a property valued at \$200,000 will decrease by about \$100.

The amounts of taxes to be raised for 2015 for the various components of Andover are shown in the table on page 3. The total Andover tax burden over the past five years has remained almost flat.

Andover School Taxes

The 2015 annual School District Meeting voted a total appropriation of \$4,774,465, up slightly from the previous year by \$19,912 (0.4%).

An operating budget of \$4,729,465
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The Andover Lions hosted a Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at the Town Hall on December 6. Santa arrived by police cruiser with the sirens blaring, much to the excitement of all the gathered kids. With the tree lighted, Lion Jim Goody led those assembled in a rousing round of Christmas carols.
Photo: Charlie Darling

Andover Fire and EMS Stage a Training Burn in Cilleyville

Franklin, Sutton, Wilmot, Danbury, and Salisbury join in

Rene Lefebvre, AFD Chief

Your fire department recently conducted a training burn. In very simple terms, we burned a building intentionally. Do not try this at home! It takes many permits, reams of forms, and specialized trainers to do a burn legally. From start to finish, the process takes about two months. But for your fire department, it's well worth the effort in training value.

The morning of training day, November 22, starts at 4:30 AM. Equipment and trucks are moved from the East Andover Fire Station to the Andover Fire Station. At 5 AM, all the

towns that are joining us in the training – Franklin, Sutton, Wilmot, Danbury, and Salisbury – gather with us in the Andover Fire Station meeting room for a briefing of the day's activities.

Though the excitement in the room is very high, not a word is spoken as the instructors detail training exercises, safety procedures, and radio channels. For a fire chief, the feeling is somewhere between Christmas morning and a trip to the dentist. A training burn is not unsafe, but it does have lots of smoke and fire and many firemen that fire officers tend to worry about.

The fire ground at the site of the former Cilleyville Bookstore is set up with pre-placed hose lines. Each hose line is

See Burn on page 2

There's Still Time to Support the Beacon in 2015!

Please help us finish strong in 2015

Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

We're wrapping up the Beacon's 2015 fundraising year, but there's still time to do your part! A donation to the Beacon is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, so if you haven't donated yet this year, doing so by December 31 would be a good plan.

For the year this far, total donations are up 8% from the total at this point in 2014. To carry that 8% improvement through to the end of this year, we have to receive \$1,675 in donations by December 31. So if you haven't supported

the Beacon yet in 2015, please do so in the next few days, before 2015 runs out. Join your friends and neighbors in helping wrap up



this year with strong fundraising results. It will send a powerful message about what the Beacon means to the community and what the community is willing to do to help keep it going strong.

If you haven't donated to the Beacon yet this year, please don't wait! Use the coupon on page 4 of the current issue, or click the Donate button on any page of AndoverBeacon.com. If you have questions, visit AndoverBeacon.com/Donor-FAQ or contact me at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com or 735-6099.



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The Andover Fire Department and Andover EMS (shown here pausing for the traditional team photo during the November 22 training burn) would like to wish you a very happy holiday season. Photo: Meghan Barton



Andover Lieutenant Scott Davis and Salisbury Lieutenant Jake Otis attempt to push in the last corner of the house during the November 22 training burn in Cilleyville. Photo: Meghan Barton

Burn from page 1

a different color and has a specific job, from fire attack to backup to rescue. Large-diameter feed lines are set up between fire trucks, and the water supply is tested for several minutes.

Accountability is set, so every firefighter can be accounted for by a team leader and an accountability officer. The safety officer and the chief meet briefly. We are ready to go.

After a walk-through, fires are started. The chief becomes quiet and extremely watchful. This is not because he is concerned about the ability of the instructors; they are highly skilled and the safest team in the fire service. Not

because he is concerned about the skill of his own firefighters. It's because he is the chief, and everyone on the scene is his responsibility. That's the job.

The training teams enter the building to practice finding their way through blinding smoke and intense heat. There is no substitute for the real thing. Heavy attack lines are dragged upstairs to douse the flames.

The heat and humidity given off by the burning material and the water are extremely high. The equipment worn by the firefighters is their only protection, and any flaw is soon discovered and has the potential to become a bigger problem.

Most normal people would want to

flee this kind of environment, and that is good. Firefighters must be hardened to the discomfort and fear to move on even further and complete the task.

The firemen practice many old, tried-and-true methods and learn new ones, as our profession is constantly moving forward. The teams use many calories and lose lots of water during live burn training. Each firefighter must go to a rehab station to sit, eat some fruit (though most prefer doughnuts), and drink water. The EMTs keep an eye on the firefighters and will quickly deal with any undue fatigue or medical concern if needed.

All too soon, the building becomes unsafe due to the many training fires it has endured. The air horns sound their three blasts, and everyone leaves the building.

Firefighters gather around the instructors for the end-of-drill debriefing. The first question asked: "Was anyone injured?" A resounding "No!" is heard,

and the chief looks to the sky as he silently says, "Thank you." The instructors finish the drill questions, and after some rest it is time to pick up and clean up.

Back at the station, the firefighters finish the cleanup, and all go to the meeting room to have lunch. The banter is light, and the excitement of the early morning meeting has somewhat diminished due to fatigue. There is, however, a clear sense of accomplishment and of a job well done.

It is difficult to fully understand why firemen do what they do. The job is dangerous, and you often witness events that stay with you for a lifetime. I sometimes think it is because you do not do the job alone. You are part of a very exclusive team. Many have tried our work, but few stay. However, if you love, not just like, our calling, the reward of "a job well done" is magic.

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Senator Ayotte's Office in Andover on December 14

Sean Knox from Senator Kelly Ayotte's office will be in the downstairs conference room in the Andover Town Hall on Monday, December 14, from 10 to 11 AM. The public is invited to come in and discuss any concerns or comments they may have.



At the Andover Fire Department's annual Christmas tree fundraiser, firefighters Dave Grant and Mark Perry show a few of the many trees on display to Tyler and Hannah Brown; their dog, Beakon; and Hannah's mother, Pam Cooper. This year for the first time, the fire department sold trees on Friday night as well as on Saturday morning. The Friday night opening was a success, with about a third of the department's 90 trees sold that evening. Photo: Charlie Darling



Jan Brennan sent us this shot of a young moose who appeared at Highland Lake on October 28. Beth Frost reports that the youngster took a stroll along Maple Street before disappearing behind Highland Lake Apple Farm.

Taxes from page 3

To Be Raised by Taxes - 2015				
Department	2014	2015	Change	%
School	\$3,382,975	\$3,239,522	-\$143,453	-4.2%
Town	\$981,822	\$1,021,829	\$40,007	4.1%
Fire Departments	\$121,540	\$123,460	\$1,920	1.6%
County	\$714,545	\$709,154	-\$5,391	-0.8%
TOTAL	\$5,200,882	\$5,093,965	-\$106,917	-2.1%

was approved. In addition, \$10,000 was added to the Special Education Trust Fund to bring it up to the planned level of \$75,000. Another \$25,000 was added to the High School Tuition Trust Fund, bringing it up to a total of \$50,000. Finally, \$10,000 was approved to fund a study of alternate arrangements for student transportation.

Offsetting these appropriations was a very large unexpended fund balance of \$459,757 at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, up 16% from the previous school year. The State Education Grant this year is \$830,236, up about 5.5%. After accounting for other revenues, the amount to be raised by taxes for 2015 is \$3,239,522, down 4.2% over the previous year.

The School tax rate for 2015 becomes \$12.99 (\$2.37 for the State component and \$10.62 for the Town component). This is a decrease of 4.6% over the previous year.

Andover Town Taxes

The 2015 Andover Town Meeting voted to appropriate an operating budget of \$1,478,648, up from the previous year by \$92,317 or 6.7%. Funding was approved for \$68,776 to lease a highway truck and purchase related equipment. Highway project funding, typically in the amount of \$150,000, was omitted this year. Other capital reserve additions brought the total appropriation to \$1,666,400, down from the previous year by \$188,931 (-10.2%).

No accumulated fund surplus was used to offset taxes this year. After taking account of other revenues, the amount to be raised by taxes becomes

\$1,021,829, up from last year by \$40,007 (4.1%).

The Town tax rate for 2015 is \$4.07, up 3.8% over the previous year.

Fire Department Taxes

The total amount to be raised by taxes for the two Andover districts for 2015 is \$123,460, nearly identical to the amount raised for 2014. The tax rates for 2015 remain the same as last year, \$0.65 for Andover properties and \$0.38 for East Andover properties.

County Taxes

The bill to Andover from Merrimack County for our share of the county's 2015 budget is \$709,154. This is down from 2014 by \$5,391 (-0.8%). The tax rate for this year is \$2.82 (-1.1%).



Keith Blinn and Jim Reed, Andover's part-time highway crew, assembled and erected a new movable-letters sign for the Town Hall to replace the old painted sign. Photo: Charlie Darling

Town Saved Money This Year with New Highway Crew

Savings top \$42,000 so far this year

Marj Roy, Town Administrator

Where has the year gone? With the passing months, we have been able to gain some perspective about the effectiveness of a Town highway crew and whether or not it is financially smart. There have been many, many positive comments about the maintenance of the cemeteries, Chaffee Park, the Town Office lawn, and Blackwater Park. These are the things that are immediately visible. However, the financial analysis is more involved.

Of course, having Jim Reed and Keith Blinn to work on Town road projects and take care of the cemeteries, lawn, and park means we are able to save the expense of contracting these services. But what does that mean financially? Although the year is not over yet, the following figures are in. The 2015 Road Work amount includes the annual truck payment. As you can see, there have been significant savings over the prior year.

- Road Work 2014: \$78,960 (1 Ton + Driver)
- Road Work 2015: \$40,231 (1 Ton + Driver + 1 Laborer)
- Savings in 2015: \$38,729
- Blackwater Park/Beach/Cemeteries 2014: \$18,898
- Blackwater Park/Beach/Cemeteries 2015: \$14,966
- Savings in 2015: \$3,932

Also, it is very nice to have miscellaneous jobs at the Town Office taken care of more economically. This includes trash and recycling pickup, putting in the air conditions in the summer and removing them in the fall, changing the lighting when needed, setting up new office furniture that was donated by a generous benefactor, and installing the new kiosk sign. These are things that would typically need to be contracted.

With only two check runs left in 2015, it appears that we are seeing a substantial savings since purchasing the Ford F550 one-ton dump truck and hiring two part-time employees to take care of road, cemetery, and park maintenance.

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**The Andover Institute, the Andover Community Coffeehouse and the Community Outreach Working Group are arms of the Andover Community Association.
For more information, email andovercommunity03216@gmail.com**

Run for Town Office in 2016!

Your community needs you to step up!

With Town Meeting coming up in March, it's time to think about who's going to fill all the positions in town government and in the school district to keep the wheels turning smoothly. The following is a run-down of what offices will be on the ballot in March and what the incumbents may be planning.

Town Officers

Selectman for three years: Duncan Coolidge is the incumbent. He plans to run for the one-year seat on the Board of Selectmen (below).

Selectman for one year: Vicky Mishcon is the incumbent. She plans to run for the three-year seat on the Board of Selectmen (above).

Road Agent for two years: John Thompson is the incumbent and plans to run.

Town Moderator for two years: Dan Coolidge is the incumbent.

Town Treasurer for two years: Shirley Currier is the incumbent and plans to run.

Town Clerk / Tax Collector for three years: Joanna Sumner is the incumbent and plans to run.

Supervisor of the Checklist for six years. Nancy Teach is the incumbent and does not plan to run.

Budget Committee for three years (two positions): Ed Hiller and Mary Anne Levesque are the incumbents. Ed and Mary Anne both plan to run.

Budget Committee for two years: Nancy Teach is the incumbent and plans to run.

Library Trustee for three years (two positions): Janet Moore and Susan Chase are the incumbents. Janet and

Susan both plan to run.

Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years: Alex Estin is the incumbent and plans to run.

Cemetery Trustee for three years: Pat Cutter, the incumbent, plans to run.

Cemetery Trustee for two years: Jim Reed is the incumbent.

The Town paid positions up for election this year are:

- Selectman: \$1,500 per year
- Road Agent: \$15 per hour
- Moderator: \$10 per hour
- Treasurer: \$3,000 per year
- Town Clerk / Tax Collector: \$31,000 per year
- Supervisor of the Checklist: \$7.25 per hour

School District Officers

School Board for three years (two positions): Dean Barker and Annie Mackenzie are the incumbents. Dean and Annie both plan to run.

Moderator for one year: Betsy Paine is the incumbent and plans to run..

Clerk for one year: Christie Coll is the incumbent.

Treasurer for one year: Shirley Currier is the incumbent and plans to run.

The School District paid positions up for election this year are:

- School Board: \$100 per year
- Moderator: \$60 per annual meeting
- Clerk: \$13.83 per hour
- Treasurer: \$1,000 per year

How and When to File

Filing to run for office is very easy. There is no filing fee for any position.

The filing period for these positions begins on Wednesday, January 20, and ends on Friday, January 29. The filing form can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall during her normal business hours.

Wanted: Candidates for Town Boards & Committees

Dennis Fenton Andover Board of Selectmen (retired)

Dennis Fenton, a long-time member of the Board of Selectmen, wrote these words in 2009 when he decided to retire from the Board. With his permission, we're re-running this to encourage people to consider becoming a candidate.

First, the fact that you are busy is not a legitimate excuse! Everyone can use that one, but it's the town's well-being that is at stake, so we all have to find time to do the things that are really important to us.

What background should you have to run for a Town office? There's no one right answer to that question. George Upton, for example, took an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen before the moving van was completely unloaded when he came to Andover. He went on to win re-election. George only had on-the-job training, which is the hard way.

Other Town officers have taken different paths. All these folks had one thing in common – as a part of the community, they wanted to give something back to Andover.

A Good Candidate

What makes a good candidate? The first item on any candidate's agenda should be what is good for the majority. When a new problem arises, the right solution is not the easy way out, but what serves our town the best.

As a member of a Town board or

committee, you are one of the overseers of our town whose job it is to manage the town's resources and problems. When a vote is taken, be supportive of the majority decision, even if you might like something a little different.

Your main charge is to have needed services provided to the town at a reasonable cost. An important tool available to you in pursuit of that goal is the Budget Committee. Their job is to review all budgets in town and present the budget to be voted on at Town Meeting, School District Meeting, and the meetings of the various precincts.

The Budget Committee takes the prejudice out of an individual budget as they look at the big picture. It is important that we all, boards and citizens, listen very closely to the story they tell each year as they attempt to keep our tax rate at a manageable level.

Share Your Talents

To all you good folks out there: You are not too busy to make a commitment to share your many talents. Being a member of a Town board or committee is not a thankless job. People appreciate your willingness to serve, and you will be surprised how many times you are told this.

I don't know who will sign up, but you are out there. This is for your town. It is all worthwhile. Good luck!

The filing dates for candidates to file with the Town Clerk are Wednesday, January 20, through Friday, January 29,



Supervisors of the Checklist to Meet on January 19

Just in time to file for Town elections

Art Urie, Supervisor of the Checklist

The Andover Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, January 19 at the Town Hall from 7 to 7:30 PM to make additions or changes to the checklist. This meeting is timed so anyone planning to run in the Town elections in March can get on the checklist before the filing period begins.

The filing period for Town elections in March begins on Wednesday, January 20 and runs through Friday, January 29 at 5 PM. In order to be on the ballot in March, you must file with the Town Clerk during the filing period. There's no charge to file. If you don't file you can still run, but you must do so as a write-in candidate.

The date for the 2016 Presidential Primary Election has not been set yet by the NH Secretary of State.



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Anyone Can Write a Warrant Article for Town or School Meeting

Requires signatures of 25 Andover voters

Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

Traditionally, the Board of Selectmen writes the warrant articles for Town Meeting and we, the voters of Andover, flock to Town Meeting to discuss and ultimately vote on each article. The articles that we accept, including the total budget figure, pretty much control how the town is run for the coming year.

But it's not just the Board of Selectmen that can put an idea (in the form of a warrant article) before Town Meeting to be voted on. In fact, anyone can do it.

Of course, there are a few rules:

1) The warrant article must be delivered to the office of the Selectmen by the fifth Tuesday before Town Meeting. This year, that will be Tuesday, February 2.

2) The warrant article must be signed (legibly!) by at least 25 registered Andover voters. Each signature will be checked against the Town's checklist. If fewer than 25 of the signatures can be matched on the checklist, the article won't be added to the warrant.

3) According to RSA 39:3, the Selectmen may make "only such minor textual changes as may be required," so the burden is on the writer of the warrant article to be sure it is worded clearly and that it calls for an action that Town Meeting can legally take.

School District Meeting

The rules for getting a petitioned warrant article on the Andover School District warrant are pretty much the same. The rules are in RSA 197:6, and the main difference from the rules described above is the deadline for petitions. A petition must be presented "to the school board or one of them not later than 30 days before the date prescribed for the school district meeting or the second Tuesday in March, whichever is earlier." This year, that deadline would fall on Sunday, January 31, which is 30 days before the Tuesday, March 1, School District meeting.

Any Other Business

If, for whatever reason, you can't

meet all those criteria, you may still be able to put your issue in front of Town Meeting. The last article of the warrant is always "To transact any other business that may legally come before [Town Meeting]." That's your cue to be recognized by the moderator and put your issue before the voters.

But there's a catch: to be legally valid, any motion at Town Meeting must comply with RSA 39:2, which requires that "The subject matter of all business to be acted upon at the town meeting shall be distinctly stated in the warrant, and nothing done at any meeting shall be valid unless the subject thereof is so stated."

So if your idea needs to be legally valid – if it expends money or changes an ordinance or something like that – then "any other business" is not the time to bring it up. Even if it were passed by the meeting, it wouldn't be legally valid because it would not meet the requirement of RSA 39:2.

On the other hand, a motion that has no legal effect, such as honoring someone or expressing the meeting's support for an organization, works just fine as "any other business."

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Budget Committee Calendar for 2015-2016 Meetings

Deadlines for School District Meeting, Town Meeting

Press release

The Andover Budget Committee has published its 2015-2016 meeting calendar, and the Town Office has added the deadlines for the 2015 Town Report. Here are the remaining meetings and deadlines:

- December 16, 7 PM: Budget Committee meeting
- January 6, 7 PM: Public Hearing – School Budget
- January 6, 8:30 PM: Final deliberations on School Budget
- January 7, Deadline: All Town Report narratives are due at the Town Office
- January 7, Deadline: All Town Department budgets are due at the Budget Committee
- January 13, 7 PM: Town Departments present budgets: Recreation, Cemetery, Library, Conservation,

Solid Waste, LSRVNA

- January 20, 7 PM: Town Departments present budgets: Highway, Police, EMS, Administration
- January 22, Deadline: All budgets, statistics, and warrants are due for Town Report layout
- January 27, 7 PM: Town Budget presentation
- February 2, Deadline: Last day for Petitioned Warrant Articles
- February 3, 7 PM: Public Hearing – Precinct Budgets; Town Budget; Petitioned Warrant Articles
- February 10, 7 PM: Deliberative Session – Town Budget
- February 9, Deadline: Proofreading of the Town Report begins
- February 16, Deadline: Town Report to printer
- February 26, Deadline: Town Report ready for pick-up at printer
- March 1, 7 PM: School District Meeting
- March 8, 7 PM: Town Meeting



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Budget Committee Public Hearings

- Andover School Budget
January 6, 7 PM
- Town, Precincts
Feb 3, 7 PM
- Petitioned Warrant Articles
February 3, (if needed)

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2015 TOWN REPORT

Committee reports, minutes, notices, etc. due January 7

Budgets, statistics, and warrants due on January 22

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Board of Selectmen

Before the ground freezes and the snow flies is a good time to be sure your mailbox is placed correctly and is strong enough to withstand the snow pushed aside by the plows as they clear the roads. Although there are no exact specifications indicating where a mailbox should be placed (our old New England roads vary too much in width), a general rule of thumb is to place your mailbox sufficiently out of the way so as to assure public safety and to facilitate snow removal.

For the benefit of all, the town's Mailbox Policy (adopted in August, 2004) is printed below. Please review the policy and be sure your mailbox is ready for winter.

Policy of the Town of Andover: Mailboxes

"An individual may erect and place a receptacle of US Mail and motor or rural delivery of daily or weekly newspapers in accordance with the provisions of any applicable state or federal law but without permission of the Selectmen. All such installations shall be sufficiently off the traveled way so as to assure public safety and facilitate snow removal. Design criteria of the US Postal Service shall be adhered to with respect to size and placement of

mailboxes.

"The Town has no liability with respect to loss or damage to mailboxes or newspaper receptacles placed in the right-of-way unless such loss or damage to a mailbox is the result of intentional or willful conduct, or gross negligence on the part of Town employees

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or agents. For the Town to assume liability, the mailbox must display tangible physical evidence of having actually been struck by a snowplow, mower, or other town vehicle performing official duties. Mailboxes that have been pushed over by snow or other causes but do not exhibit the mark of a strike will be the sole responsibility of the property owner.

"If the Town acknowledges a struck mailbox, the Town will, at the option of the mailbox owner, install a generic rural mailbox on a metal post or issue a check to the mailbox owner in the amount of \$30."

Andover Police Department, October 2015

369 calls for service in October

Press release

Andover Police Department handled 369 calls for service in October, including:

- Assist Ambulance/Rescue: 5
- Assist Citizens: 13
- Assist Police: 7
- Business Checks: 6
- Dog Loose: 6
- House Checks: 63
- Pistol Permits: 10
- Talk or Lecture: 2

- Suspicious Situation: 16
- Theft: 5
- Traffic Arrests: 2
- Traffic Citations: 12
- Traffic Warnings: 172

Arrests:

- Amanda Dwyer, 30, Andover: Electronic Bench Warrant
- John McKew, 26, Windham; Operating After Suspension; Suspended Registration
- Mark Charles, 33, Franklin: Operating After Suspension 2nd; Suspended Registration; Uninspected; Open Container

Laws and Rules Require Vigilance Over Mercury

Must be recycled properly at the Transfer Station

Marj Roy, Town Administrator

Andover, like all other municipalities, is required to recycle all products that contain mercury. These include fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, thermostats, tilt switches, manometers, and button batteries.

What should you do when you need to dispose of any of these? Place the item in the Mercury Recycling disposal box that is in the Recycle Building at the Andover Transfer Station. If you need assistance, please see one of the attendants.

Also, if you are disposing of an appliance such as a refrigerator or dryer, please remove the mercury switch and place it in the Mercury Recycling disposal box.

Keeping mercury out of the environment is a zero-tolerance policy, and Transfer Station attendants will be vigilant about acceptable appliances and about keeping mercury out of the scrap metal bin and the trash hopper.

Why is this important, and why did the New Hampshire Legislature pass a law mandating mercury recycling?

Mercury is a toxic chemical that accumulates in our bodies and never breaks down into non-toxic forms. Mercury can damage several parts of the body, including the liver, kidneys, and especially the brain, where it may cause neurological disorders.

Mercury must not be released into the environment! One very common source of mercury is households that discard fluorescent lamps, thermostats, etc. in the garbage.

Once mercury is released into the air, water, or ground, it moves through the environment and is absorbed by plants and animals. Small amounts of mercury build up in the environment over time and easily move up the food chain, as larger animals eat smaller animals. This is especially true of fish, which is the main way people ingest it.

New Vigilance in Effect

Effective November 1, all shipments of scrap metals of any kind will require a signed Mercury Form addendum to the bill of lading. A hauling fee will be charged if the form is not there and the hauler has to leave and return. The haul fee that Andover pays for each container of scrap metal is approximately \$150.

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Andover Real Estate Transactions, October and November 2015

October 16 through November 30, 2015

On October 19, the Lafosca Trust sold 81 Maple Street to Scott and Deborah Whitney for \$610,000. George Quackenbos of Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty assisted the seller and the buyer. The 3,468-square foot house has 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths and sits on 6.3 acres.

On October 28, William and Aldora Mitchell sold 1.1 acres at 157 Switch Road to Amy, Jason, and Roy Mitchell for \$157,500.

On October 29, Leonard Caron sold 2.7 acres on Bridge Road to Green Crow Corporation for \$21,000.

On October 30, the New Hampshire Housing Authority sold 748 Raccoon Hill Road to Jeffery and Terra-Jean Bradish for \$86,000. Jan Wickens of the Bean Group assisted the seller and the buyer. The 2,025-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 5.12 acres.

On October 30, the Viandier Trust sold 135 Valley Road to the Leak Trust for \$404,775. Stacey Viandier of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller and the buyer. The 2,600-square foot house has 5 bedrooms and 3 baths and sits on 40 acres.

On November 2, the McCrave Trust sold 317 Old College Road to Ellen Langlais for \$460,000. Charlie McCrave of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller; Ken Jordan of Ken Jordan Realty Associates assisted the buyer. The 3,908-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 3 baths and sits on 14.8 acres.

On November 3, Pauline Richards sold 21 North Street to Patricia Goodwin for \$165,000.

On November 13, David and Deborah Poulin sold 300 Currier Road to Zachary Remillard and Amy Lamos for \$182,000.

On November 19, Carrington Property Service sold 43 Plains Road to the Cooper Trust for \$150,000. Marsha Foden of Central Gold Key Realty assisted the seller. Stacey Viandier of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the buyer. The 1,462-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 11 acres.

On November 23, Mark and Deborah Broderick sold 12 Gale Road to Darryl Furtkamp for \$180,500. Joseph Burns of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller. Stacey Viandier of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the buyer. The 1,793-square foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 1.19 acres.

On November 30, the Palatino Trust sold 419 Flaghole Road to Alisha and Holly Welcome for \$176,000. Debbie Martin of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller. Cammie Ferreras of BHHS Verani Londonderry assisted the buyer. The 1,446-square foot house has 2 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 7.8 acres.

Andover Inventory

There are currently 23 residential properties on the market, plus 4 residential properties under contract for sale.

There are currently 8 land parcels on the market, and no parcels under contract for sale.

There are currently two commercial and multi-family properties on the market, and none under contract for sale.

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com for 10/16/2015 through 11/30/2015

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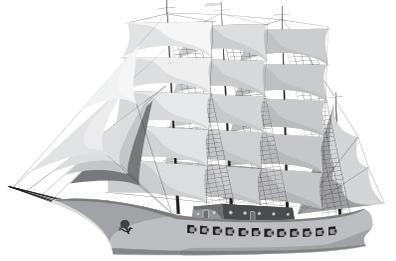


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Ford Model A Parts: three used carburetors, crank, connecting rod wrench, 21 GE 1000 taillight bulbs. 735-5529

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

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. **Vi-king 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.

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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*.

Recreation Committee

Condensed from approved minutes

October 13

Committee members present: Ellie George, Tom Frantz, Alan Hanscom, Jen Hauser, Heidi Murphy, Sue Norris, Tim Norris, and Brian Reynolds.

Treasurer's Report

2015 Budget: \$26,200
Expended: \$19,673.97
Balance: \$6,526.03

Programs

Soccer

- The 5/6 girls went undefeated
- The 5/6 boys went 6-5
- The 3/4 boys were split into 2 teams for the season
- The 1/2 program finished up on October 10th
- Insurance for the program may go up for next year. The issue will be discussed at the upcoming soccer meeting.

Basketball

Our new co-directors of the basketball program will be Lindsey Allenby and Scott Allenby.

Skiing

- Bus transportation is expected to drop in price.
- Color-coded pinnies are essential for full-mountain skiers. It will be necessary to dip into miscellaneous expenses for these pinnies
- The cost of ski rental expenses is expected to drop.
- 140 students are expected to take part.
- There are to be no more than 10 students per chaperone.

Swimming

The swimming program will be moved back a week next summer in hopes that more kids will take advantage of the program.

New Business

The balance in the Blackwater Building Fund is \$8,192.74.

The balance in the Recreation Revolving Fund, which is the depository for registration fees and donations, is \$11,073.01.

The next meeting will be at AE/MS on Tuesday, November 10, at 7 PM.

Capital Improvement

Condensed from draft minutes

Chair: Doug Phelps

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

Guest: Andrew Guptill

Andover Fire Department Truck Replacement Plans

Andy Guptill opened the meeting with a review of the plans the Fire Department's truck committee has for equipment replacement. The committee agreed to ask Andy back for a more detailed review of the capital equipment replacement schedule.

Capital Requests Review

Next, the current list of capital improvement requests was reviewed and discussed for those that had enough information to be deemed complete. Several of the inputs are missing cost and timing information.

Capital Reserve Review

Data supplied by the Trustee of Trust Funds, Joanne Edgar, was presented for the committee to review.

Committee Deliverable for 2015

The expected schedule for completion. See CIP on page 11

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!

DECEMBER

- 15: Building Permits, 6-7
- 15: Zoning Board, 7
- 17: Capital Improvement, 7
- 17: Library Trustees, 7
- 21: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 21: Fire Department, 7
- 22: Building Permits, 6-7
- 25-26: All Town Offices CLOSED

JANUARY

- 1: All Town Offices CLOSED
- 4: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 4: Fire Department, 7
- 5: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 5: Building Permits, 6-7
- 12: Building Permits, 6-7
- 12: Planning Board, 7
- 12: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7

- 12: Andover EMS,
East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 13: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 14: Library Trustees, 7
- 18: Town Clerk's Office CLOSED
- 18: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 18: Fire Department, 7
- 19: Building Permits, 6-7
- 19: Zoning Board, 7
- 26: Building Permits, 6-7
- 26: Planning Board, 7
- 28: Capital Improvement, 7

FEBRUARY

- 1: Board of Selectmen, 6
- 1: Fire Department, 7
- 2: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 2: Building Permits, 6-7
- 3: Fourth of July, Andover Fire Station, 7

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The Emery Family: 200 Years in the Hoyt Road Area

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Rita Norander

Andover Historical Society

It's impossible to leave Hoyt Road without telling the story of the Emery family. The Emerys were early settlers on Hoyt Road whose land abutted that of the Kenistons and Hoyts. This article will begin with a look at Emery family history and genealogy, followed by glimpses of the family, their farm, and

their sawmill business, as told by Eva Emery.

The Emerys were neighbors and friends of my parents, and I will relate a few Emery stories which I remember hearing from my mother. Much of the information for this article was obtained from a 1986 taped interview with Eva Emery, conducted by Bill Leber, then president of the Andover Historical Society, and from letters written in 1987 and 1988 by Eva Emery to Ginny New-

See Emery on page 12

Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord, December 2015

Concord votes to study opioid crisis

Mario Ratzki, NH representative

The House voted 290 to 46, and the Senate unanimously, in favor of establishing a task force to come up with a plan to address our opioid crisis. The task force would report to the House, Senate, and governor by January 6 and file legislation by January 12.

Governor Hassan would have preferred an immediate \$11 million bill, but Republicans thought it more prudent to wait and see how much revenue is available and discuss aspects of the proposal at some length.

In the governor's bill, some of the money would have been sent to counties to establish drug courts. Drug courts have been shown to dramatically cut recidivism. They seek to rehabilitate rather than only punish. Certainly, Merrimack County could use the extra help to set up such a court.

In other news:

The Fiscal Committee voted on a

party line to increase state employees healthcare premiums by a steep 17.5% for all retirees, as well as previous increases in prescription costs.

HB 617, police cameras, survived as an amended bill in committee and will be voted on in 2016. The same with HB 672, establishing a state bank, amended as an interim study bill.

The House will be back in session in January with a big fight expected on Medicare expansion.

The Danbury Broadband Committee had a very good meeting with Ms. Scarponi of Fairpoint, and hopefully more locations will be served with higher bandwidth under an FCC broadband expansion program. Parts of Salisbury may also be eligible. I will keep on top of it.

Also, winter fuel assistance is available. Call 934-3444 in Franklin.

The flocks of wild turkeys seem to have doubled in size since last fall.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays.

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

Committee and Board of Selectmen to present the current progress.

Committee Schedule

The committee discussed the plans for the next few months. It was agreed that the committee would meet on the third Thursday for November (19th) and December (17th) to continue to work through the capital requests.

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pleting the committee's first Capital Improvement Plan was discussed. It was agreed that due to late input from the departments, there would not be enough time to generate an accurate and useful plan for this year's planning cycle. Doug will meet with the Budget

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ton, who has lived in one of the two Emery houses since the 1970s..

Emery History and Genealogy

Dr. Anthony Emery (1713-1791) was one of the original proprietors of the town's land grant. Because of his interest in the settlement of this territory, it was once referred to as Emerystown.

Captain William Emery (1742-1825) – Anthony's son – bought several lots from his father in 1765 and settled in Flaghole. He was the fourth or fifth person to settle here, and the first Emery. His initial dwelling was small, but he later constructed a large framed house which still stands today off Chase Hill Road.

Henry Emery (1788-1849) – William's youngest son – was the first Emery to settle on Hoyt Road (then Center Road), building a house for his bride Joanna in 1813.

Willard Andrew (1821-1883) – son of Henry – carried on with the farm after his father was killed by a train at Dyers Crossing.

Henry Levi (1857-1937) – son of Willard – took over the farm from his father.

Jay Emery (1891-1976) – son of Henry Levi – was the next owner of the farm.

Dexter Emery (1918-1964) and Rodney Emery (1920-1984) – sons of Jay and Eva – were the last Emerys to own the property.

Early Years at the Emery Farm

When the Emerys received the grant for what became the Emery Farm, a log cabin was built where the big house now sits. The cabin was later torn down and another house built on its foundation.

When Mrs. Henry L. Emery inherited a fairly large sum of money, she used it to build what is now the main house or the "big" house. The "little" house was moved across the road by her son Jay, with a pair of oxen doing the moving. It is currently the home of Ginny Newton.

The new house was built from lumber cut on the Emery farm and sawed at the family's mill. Only the best was used! The house was furnished beautifully, as there were many Emery family antiques. Wealthy Massachusetts cousins came to the farm often and brought all sorts of beautiful things.

The house was spacious, containing 14 rooms, including a maid's room and two big rooms for the hired men. Everyone loved the farm! Friends and relatives came and went all of the time, with many staying the whole summer. There was never a dull moment, and there was always room for everybody!

Jay and Eva Emery

Jay Emery and Eva Hackett were married in 1917 and lived briefly with Jay's parents while the "little" house was being remodeled for them. When completed, Jay and Eva made it their home for 20 years, all the while help-

ing Jay's parents with the running of the farm.

Their son Dexter was born in 1918, followed by Rodney in 1920. Sadly, their daughter Priscilla died shortly after birth in 1922. It had been a difficult pregnancy, and my mother, Dorothy Hersey, worked as a live-in mother's helper for Eva during that time.

Dexter and Rodney Emery attended Dyers Crossing School. Marie Nelson (later Rising) was one of Rodney's teachers, and she had a funny, but scary story to tell concerning him. It was relayed to my sister, Helen Duchesne, when she was writing her book *In Their Time*.



The Emery farmhouse.

Marie, who had been Helen's first grade teacher, told this story: "One day, lightning struck the tree outside the school and came in on the stove vent. The room was blue and smelled of sulphur. Rodney Emery, who sat in the back seat, swore and said, 'I'm getting out of here.' He opened the window, jumped out, and ran for home. Marie closed the window and watched him as long as she could, worrying the whole time that he might be struck by lightning." It certainly wasn't easy being a teacher in a one-room school!

The Farm and Its Busy Life

Eva Emery described life on the farm:

"We had lilacs and forsythia bushes and a beautiful rose garden. There was a big rhubarb patch by the long hen house, where a little brook ran under the stone wall. There was a big rhubarb patch, and in the spring we had all sorts of things made with rhubarb.

"The horseradish tasted good with beans and red flannel hash, and I used some in my piccalilli. I made beet relish and all kinds of pickles.

"We had some nice elderberry bushes, and I made elderberry wine. There were big strawberry beds, and beyond that a bed of asparagus. When the strawberries were ripe, we picked them in 10-quart pails. There were quince bushes and currant bushes which I used for making jelly. I also made mint jelly from the mint beds.

"There were no trees behind the big house at that time. It was all mowing land. All the trees were on the other side of the road [now Ginny's property], and that is where the fruit trees were – apple, pear, peach, and crab-apple.

"There were many different kinds of apples – the older varieties, such as Baldwin, Russet, Delicious, Gilliflower or Sheepnose. Jay used to graft new scions every year – McIntosh and many

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Fifty Years Ago in Andover: December 1965 and January 1966

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.

December 2, 1965

The Proctor bell is under repair, with a crew from Massachusetts doing the job. It will seem nice to hear the old bell ringing again!

The 1964 Andover Town Report was one of 11 winning top awards in the 25th annual Municipal Reports contest sponsored by the University of New Hampshire's Public Administration Service. The Andover report was rated first in the Class H population class (500-1,000). Andover won the same award last year.

December 9, 1965

Over 250 attended the open house honoring the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr and Mrs Victor Phelps! They received a letter from Governor King! All of the children and grandchildren, with the exception of one granddaughter – Victoria Stickney – were present for the open house. One grandson, Private First Class Murray Smith, has been discharged from the Army and just arrived from Thailand a few days earlier, making it possible for him to be home for the big event. Helen Davis, Andover, and Victor E. Phelps, a native of Danbury, were married on December 6, 1915 by the Reverend Henry G. Ives and have made their home in Andover since. Both have been extraordinarily active in this community.

Andover Women's Bowling, November 30: Strikeouts 65, 31; Obits 62, 34; Hodads 58, 38. High Singles: Faye Lewis 117, Donna Walker 115, Gail Barton 115, Ginnie Hutchinson 114, Eleanor Lovely 104, Barbara Gross 104.

December 16, 1965

Andover and East Andover have 13 residents who are serving with the armed services presently. These young men and women are expected to be away during the holidays, and a greeting from home would help brighten their service.

- A2C Ronald S. Bigelow
- A2C Richard A. Powers Jr
- "Ted" Lindley
- PFC Ralph D. Frost
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- PIO C. Champney
- Ruth Chamberlain, MSR
- Leslie Ford Jr.
- Craig McDonald
- Sp/4 Stephen D. Jewett
- PFC Kenneth Cain
- Maj Gen Kenneth O. Sanborn

Here's a tip! It's best to do your Christmas shopping early, but everybody knows how that is. With the best of intentions, there's always late Christmas shopping to be done.

Well, this year there's to be a touch in Franklin's Central Street shopping area that will make that last minute shopping, perhaps, a little easier and more fun. A number of Franklin merchants have gotten together with Regal Theatre to sponsor three afternoons next week from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. During those hours, there'll be free movies at the Regal, through the courtesy of the sponsoring merchants. It will be an ideal opportunity to park your kids for a few minutes and to get away to do some shopping.

December 23, 1965

Sympathy goes to Walter Locke Jr. and families on the death of his wife, Mrs. Locke, in an automobile accident this past week.

December 30, 1965

East Andover Paratrooper Stephen Jewett is the first fatality from this area in the Vietnamese conflict.

"He didn't have to go. He went because he felt he was over there doing the right thing." The words were those of his mother, Mrs. Noah Jewett, not long after she and Mr. Jewett had received word that Stephen had been killed in action in Vietnam Monday.

Stephen was sent overseas last March and was sent to Vietnam during the following month. Recently he had been stationed at the Hoa Basin in Vietnam.

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others whose names I now forget.

"Mother Emery used to make cottage cheese. She made a big milk pan full once a week, and it went to one of the restaurants in Franklin. She always had some on the table, and it went as fast as she could make it.

"We also made regular cheese, and Mother had everything needed to make it – from the cheese pails to the presses. We used to make it in two-, five-, and sometimes 10-pound molds. Grampa Emery loved cheese, and he never could wait for it to ripen before eating it!

"We always had a big garden and a couple of hired hands to look after it. I canned and canned and canned! During

planting, haying, and harvesting times, we had lots of extra help, and that was a busy time.

"We had an ice house in the back of the shed, and Jay cut the ice to fill it. When the men came in from the fields, we had a big, cold pitcher of lemonade ready for them. We had four- and six-quart ice cream freezers which were full of ice cream that I made for them to have in the evening.

"We had a whole big barn full of cows and lots of cream and milk. I used to make as much as 50 pounds of butter a week. Grandpa had his regular customers, and a lot of the butter went to Shepard Grocery."

Watch for more about the Emerys in a future article.


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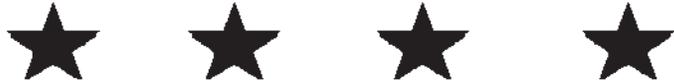

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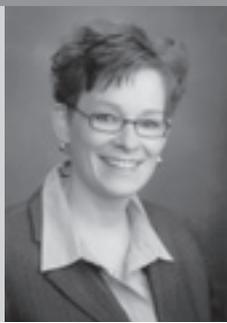
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January 6, 1966

Services for Mrs. Marjorie Shockley, 39, who died on December 29, 1965, were held Friday afternoon in Concord at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. A native of Augusta, Maine, Mrs. Shockley lived in Colorado before coming to Andover one year ago. Members of the family include her husband, Tom S. Shockley, and three daughters: Sandra Jean Shockley, Terry Kay Shockley, and Shelley Lynn Shockley, all of Andover.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. George Miller on the birth of a daughter, Tanja Ann, on December 23, 1965, at the Franklin hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds 6½ ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Thisell of Flaghole.

January 13, 1966

The weather was terrible on Saturday (the worst Nor'Easter since 1958), with between 10 and 12 inches of wind-driven snow making driving hazardous and nearly impossible at times. Nevertheless, the East Andover Congregational Church was filled to capacity with friends and neighbors present to pay their last respects to Stephen Jewett, East Andover paratrooper who died in action in Vietnam on December 27, 1965. It was a full military burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Huntoon of Potter Place announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Vance Duff Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Duff Sr. of Bristol. Miss Huntoon is a graduate of Andover High School and of Concord Hospital of Nursing, where she is presently employed. Mr. Duff is a graduate of Bristol High School and is presently serving in the US Navy.

Fiftieth wedding anniversary congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heinlein on January 16, 1966. The open house for them was attended by over 50 people.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Day on the birth of a daughter, 8 pounds 10½ ounces, at the New London Hospital on January 2, 1966.

January 20, 1966

After several months of study and effort by both the Franklin School Board and Franklin City Council, concrete terms of a proposed 20-year contract between the Franklin School District and the Andover School District met with approval by City Council, meeting in special session Monday night. Now it's up to the voters of Andover whether or not they will join with other towns in the area to form a corporate high school in New London, or whether they will choose to join with Franklin.

Roy S. Davis, 84, died. Mr. Davis was born in Palmer, Massachusetts, and had resided in Andover for the past 20 years. Mr. Davis was a postal carrier in Springfield, Massachusetts, for 43 years. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Francis L. Kennedy of Andover.

The Andover Lions Club held its monthly meeting at the Potter Place Inn on January 10, 1966 with elected president Harold Kidder conducting his first meeting. Speaker Richard Eichell of Potter Place spoke to the members on flying in a B-29 bomber during World War II. He spent the next 50 years working for American Airlines in each of its offices in the three major airports in the New York metropolitan area.

January 27, 1966

The Stephen D. Jewett Memorial Scholarship Fund, set up by the Andover Lions Club, has grown steadily in further tribute to the young East Andover paratrooper. It had been hoped that the final figure would come to at least \$1,200 so that the interest from the fund will provide a scholarship of \$50 yearly for an Andover high school student. Tim Frost, who is in charge of the fund, reports this week that the total has reached \$1,284!



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Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Minutes, November 18, 2015

Condensed from approved minutes

Board attendees: Alex Bernhard, Steve Darling, Tom Frantz, George Heaton, Craig Heim, Lindy Heim, Myra Mayman, Steve Rayno, Nita Tomaszewski, Jack Shields

Guests: Heather Deardorff, Ed Hiller, Ricker Miller, Prescott Towle

Two presentations began the meeting: 1) Milepost markers, from Ed Hiller; 2) Vegetation control in Franklin, from Prescott Towle.

The discovery and reclaiming of granite milepost markers for the trail has been pursued avidly by Ed Hiller and others and has involved considerable liaison with the State of New Hampshire. Last month, the State Department of Transportation agreed to release three mileposts, currently at a remote location. Ed Hiller has arranged to have the three mileposts trucked to the VA Cemetery in Boscawen for safekeeping until the spring, when they can be installed on the trail.

Prescott Towle presented a plan for vegetation control on a 12-foot swath on the trail in Franklin. The application proposed would be two herbicides – non-persistent – to eliminate both grasses and invasives.

The need for this application is particularly strong in Franklin, and trail abutters seem in favor, making Franklin a test case for the remainder of the trail. If herbicide were applied, a DOA permit is required, but not abutter notification if the work starts by May 25, 2016. Prescott's estimate is \$4,800.

After these presentations, and the exit of Ed and Prescott, various reports and items of business were covered.

Heather Deardorff was welcomed as a new Board Member. Heather is a resident of Belmont and Associate Director of College Advising at St. Paul's School.

Steve Darling's Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted. Steve noted that 2015 donations – currently \$8,444 – are poised to exceed 2014 and that Bank of America will provide matching funds to employees. Steve has made the requisite filing with the State of New

Hampshire for a charitable corporation for this year. He also suggested that Heather Turner be given \$200 for her Web site work. This was unanimously accepted.

Carried or Deferred items included: reports on technology and hotel and restaurant mapping, given nothing new to report; and maintenance, given the coming of winter, and Peter Southworth's absence.

The Board wished to recognize Peter Southworth *in absentia*, and to send its best wishes to him and his family with a card.

George Heaton reported on the status of the Federal Transportation Alternatives program funding now before Congress. Prospects for funding at prior levels look good, as amendments to eliminate the program were defeated. December 5 is the date for the Conference Committee of House and Senate to agree on a final version.

Nita Tomaszewski began discussion of a grant application for Recreational Trails to the State of New Hampshire, which was pursued in more general discussion later.

The prospect of a first-time annual budget was put before the group. While budgeting is recognized to be a good idea, it is currently complicated by existing bills, new grant applications to be made, and the lack of precise estimates of costs. Alex Bernhard offered to pull together all such information and circulate a draft budget to the Board by e-mail. If necessary, this can be discussed at a special and/or a later meeting.

As no meeting will be held in December, the next will occur on Wednesday, January 20, at the Boscawen Church basement. Heather Deardorff will make the arrangements for this and notify all.

Some motions were made, seconded and approved:

- Authority to spend up to \$1,330 for milepost restoration project
- Authorization to Jack Shields to solicit two new quotes for different approaches to vegetation control of the trail in Franklin



The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT) met in Franklin on November 18 for its regular monthly meeting. Discussion centered on major challenges now that rail trail construction is complete: maintenance, including runoff issues, falling trees, vegetation control, and blocked culverts. Pictured are Dyer's Crossing project manager Ricker Miller of Andover, milepost restoration leader Ed Hiller of East Andover, and FNRT board member Jack Shields of Penacook. Ed is working to restore the historic mile markers along the 58 miles of the Northern Rail Trail. All but 12 are now in place, and there are plans for their restoration.

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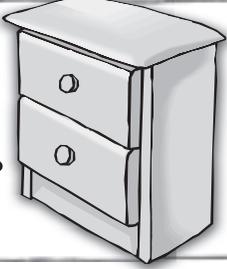
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Special events in the night sky in December

Lee Carvalho, for the *Beacon*

Well, it's December, and you know what that means: impossibly short days, Orion in the night sky, falling temperatures, low sun, school vacation, and holiday gatherings with too much food. Here are some ideas to help you through the season.

It's time to feed the birds, so look for the feeders you took down in the spring. "Traditionally, it's safe to put them out after Thanksgiving and bring them in around April 1 when the snow is gone," says bear expert Ben Kilham.

Larger animals, like bears, have entered torpor now to conserve energy, so they won't be attracted to your feeder. This is also the time of year when birds who are still active need the most help. If anybody on your holiday shopping list doesn't already own a bird feeder, what a great present that would make — along with a bag of seed.

The night sky in winter seems particularly bright, so try bundling up and going for a short walk at dawn or in the evening. The comet Catalina may be bright enough to be seen with binoculars as it rises higher each day in the early-morning December skies.

If dawn doesn't suit you, there is a celestial event worth seeing in the evening. Experts argue that the December Geminid meteor shower surpasses the August Perseids in both brilliance and reliability. On the evenings of Sunday and Monday, December 13 and 14, the crescent moon will set early enough that the dark sky should provide perfect conditions for viewing the shooting stars — perhaps as many as 120 per hour! A good pair of binoculars makes a great holiday present that will bring a lifetime of pleasure.

If you need to find a present for somebody who loves the outdoors, consider treating that person to a membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). This venerable organization, founded in 1876, constructed its first hiking trail in Tuckerman Ravine in 1879 and continues to build and maintain trails and huts today.

With membership comes their magazine, *AMC Outdoors*; information about over 8,000 activities every year; and a discount on hut fees, gear, books, and maps. The membership rate is \$50 for an individual, and if you are old enough (over 69) or young enough (under 30), the cost drops to \$25.

A great gift for anybody who walks outside in the winter in New Hampshire is a pair of microspikes. This lightweight, pocket-sized, durable traction system makes it possible to walk on any surface — ice, packed snow, wet rocks — with confidence. They are easy to put on over any shoe or boot and work like a mini-crampon. You can find them at places like EMS or REI; I bought mine at Huberts in New London.

If you know someone who likes to hunt or fish, you might consider a gift certificate from New Hampshire Fish and Game. Those certificates may be used toward the purchase of a fishing or hunting license or any merchandise at Fish and Game Headquarters at 11 Hazen Drive, Concord. Buy certificates at their headquarters, online, or by phone using a credit card at 271-3422.

The short days of December mean longer nights, and that means plenty of time to read. Here are some suggestions for books that might be perfect for you or somebody on your list:

Good Morning Loon by Elizabeth Varnai. This delightful book, illustrated with Kate Hartley's watercolors, was the 2014 winner of the National Outdoor Book Award in the children's category. Told through the boy's eyes, a mom and son enjoy an early morning canoe trip and spot frogs, beavers, mergansers, and a loon. It's a great bedtime story for children aged four to eight.

Nature Anatomy: The Curious Parts and Pieces of the Natural World, written and illustrated by Julia Rothman. This book for all ages has whimsical yet accurate drawings revealing the diverse curiosities and beauty of the natural world: bird nests, the life cycle of a mushroom, mountain formation, ecosystem of a rotting log, and the anatomy of a jellyfish. I bought this for my grandsons but haven't been able to part with it yet.

Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail by Ben Montgomery. Emma Gatewood was the first woman to hike the Appalachian Trail (AT), and she did that in 1955 when she was 67 years old! Gateway wore Ked sneakers and carried an army blanket, a raincoat, and a plastic shower curtain in a homemade denim bag slung over one shoulder. She was also the first person to hike the AT twice, and then she did it one more time! I haven't read this book yet, but it's in my stack of reading for this winter.

Please send your questions, observations, and photos to me at AndoverNaturally@gmail.com.

What's Up at the Andover Libraries?

Storytelling for Kids

Saturday, December 12, at 4:15 PM, storyteller and author Michael Caduto presents native North American songs and stories about the earth and our relationship to it, for kids ages 3 through 9 at the Bachelder Library in East Andover.

"Gentle Flow" Yoga

This Tuesday evening series starts on January 5 from 6:15 to 7:30 PM, led by experienced teacher Kristen Nesbitt. The cost is \$48 for the four-week series, or \$13 to drop in at the Bachelder Library.



Kids Under 3: Story Time

Parents are invited to bring their little ones for stories and activities at the Bachelder Library on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 PM.

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Titles Fiction

- The Girl in the Spider Web*, David Lagercrantz
- Come Rain or Come Shine*, Jan Karon
- After You*, Jojo Moyes
- The Mistress Memoirs*, Jillian Hunter
- The Hexed*, Heather Graham
- Devoted in Death*, JD Robb
- The End Game*, Catherine Coulter
- Foreign Affairs*, Stuart Woods
- Who Do You Love*, Jennifer Weiner
- See Me*, Nicholas Sparks
- The Secret Chord*, Geraldine Brooks
- The Survivor*, Vince Flynn

- The Murder House*, James Patterson
- The Company She Kept*, Archer Mayor
- Pretty Girls*, Karin Slaughter
- Head Hunters*, Jo Nesbo

Children's Titles

- Nancy Drew Notebooks 1-4*, Carolyn Keene
- Larry Bird*, Jack Kavanagh
- Thank You Sarah*, Laurie Halse Anderson
- A Court of Thorns and Roses*, Sarah J. Maas
- Queen of Shadows*, Sarah J. Maas
- Magnus Chase*, Rick Riordan
- Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*, James Dean
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Andover Libraries Encourage 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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Press release

We are thrilled to announce that the WA Bachelder Library and the Andover Public Library are joining libraries throughout New Hampshire in this early literacy initiative that encourages families to read to their young children and to use the resources of their public libraries. This project is based on the national program 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, sponsored by Children's Librarians of New Hampshire and supported by the New Hampshire State Library, Center for the Book at the State Library, the New Hampshire Academy of Family Physicians, and New Hampshire Family Voices.

Early childhood experts have confirmed that the more you read to children, the more prepared and eager they will be when it comes time to read independently. Reading to children will increase their vocabulary and their listening and speaking skills. Reading with children will also help to instill in them self-awareness,

confidence, and an understanding of their place in the world. 1,000 books may seem like a daunting number, but if you read just one story a day to your child, you'd complete 365 in one year. One book a day for three years is well over 1,000 books!

So get started today! Each time you read a story, log the title of the book. Reading books include Story Times at the library, audio books in the car, and books read by caregivers, family, and so on. The Andover libraries encourage you to read with your child beginning at birth and before.

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Moms Form a Toddler Play Group in East Andover

Join them at the Bachelder Library

Traci Fowler, for the *Beacon*

Two local moms, Heather Rogers and Traci Fowler, and Gail Fitzpatrick of the Bachelder Library are pleased to announce two new opportunities for toddlers and their caregivers at the library. Both activities take place at the Bachelder Library on Chase Hill Road in East Andover.

Story Time for Toddlers takes place on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4 PM. Toddlers must attend with a parent

or caregiver. Bachelder librarian Gail Fitzpatrick reads stories and sings songs with the little ones. It's lots of fun!

Play Group for Toddlers/Preschoolers takes place on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11 AM. Toddlers and preschoolers must attend with a parent or caregiver. The Play Group meets in the lower level of the library. No structured activities are planned at the moment – just lots of playing, listening to music, some sporadic dancing (when the mood strikes), etc. However, we hope to incorporate craft activities in the near future once we can garner some supplies and a small table.

There are currently two to three toddlers who attend the Story Hour and Play Group on a regular basis, and we'd love to have a few more join the fun. If you have any questions, please call the library at 735-5333 or Heather Rogers at 735-5255.

Got stuff? We are seeking donations for the Play Group. If you have any of the following items, please contact Traci Fowler at 735-6449:

- Craft supplies
- Gently used toys (no small pieces,
- no stuffed animals)
- Child-sized table and chairs

We hope to see you and your little one(s) soon!



(Top) At one of our first Play Group sessions, Traci Fowler of East Andover plays with her daughter Bianca and friend Wes Rogers. Bianca will be turning two at the end of January, and Wes will be turning two in June. (Bottom) Wes is all smiles – Play Group is so much fun! Come join us!

Caption: Traci Fowler

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This “free-spirited” 2016 calendar is a fundraising project by Smoky Lake Maple Products to honor Eric Johnson of Tucker Mountain Maple and to raise funds for Compassionate Care ALS, whose compassionate care Eric has experienced first hand.

Tucker Mountain Maple’s Open House: Saturdays through Christmas

Calendar raises funds for ALS organization

Press release

Tucker Mountain Maple will be holding a Holiday Open House every Saturday from now until Christmas. Stop by between 10 AM and 2 PM to stock up on 100% pure New Hampshire

maple syrup in glass or plastic jugs – great as holiday, hostess, or housewarming gifts!

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This year, Tucker Mountain Maple is participating in a fundraising effort to benefit Compassionate Care ALS (CCALS). Eric, who was diagnosed with ALS in 2012, has experienced first-hand CCALS’ generosity and compassion. He put Smoky Lakes Maple Products in touch with CCALS, and the result is “Calendar Girls for ALS,” a project honoring Eric and raising funds for CCALS. For more information or to order a 2016 calendar to benefit CCALS, visit AndoverBeacon.com/CCALS-Calendar-2016.



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Jim Goody (and his copy of the Beacon) were part of a stunning night scene at the Eiffel Tower in Paris last month.

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Pine Hill XC Ski Center opens two new trails this year.

Pine Hill XC Ski Center Opens Two New Trails

Zipper is for seasoned skiers

Press release

Pine Hill XC Ski Center in New London has announced the construction of two new ski trails. "Zipper" is for seasoned skiers with a few fast drops. The "Bruce Crawford Way" is a less demanding trail, with a nice panoramic view named after one of Pine Hill's late Board members.

With 11 groomed trails for skiing and one for snowshoes, there are 15

miles of terrain for both members (season pass holders) and day skiers.

Events planned this season are:

- Full Moon Tour on Saturday, January 23 at 7:30 PM
- Pancake Brunch at Robb's Hut on Saturday, February 20, from noon to 2:30 PM
- The famous Fondtones' Winter Doo Wop Band at Robb's Hut on Saturday, March 5, from noon to 2:30 PM

For more information, visit PineHill-SkiClub.com.



Ornaments number 14 and 15 in the Ameriscape collection represent Georges Mills and New London. Gourmet Garden donates profits from the ornaments back to non-profits in the respective towns.

Gourmet Garden Adds Two New Holiday Ornaments

Profits go to non-profit organizations

Press release

Sarah Parker Cave has designed Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee Area Ameriscapes ornaments for Georges Mills and New London, bringing the collection to 15. The whole collection can be seen at Gourmet Garden at 195 Main Street, New London or at GourmetGardenOnline.com.

The profits from the Ameriscape sales go back to non-profit organizations

in each of the towns represented. So far, Sarah has donated hundreds of dollars each year to a variety of charities.

This project started in 2007 with just two ornaments as keepsakes for visitors to New London. It has grown as the residents of other local towns requested their towns be included in an Ameriscape ornament.

After the second year, Sarah decided that the best way to donate back to local non-profits was to do it through the sale of the Ameriscapes. It has been a big hit with customers.



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East Andover Village Preschool is pleased to announce that Haley Peters (pictured here with Griffin Jones, Norah Schweiger, Azalea Morgan, William Watkins, Logan Bain, Emma Watkins, Leo Jones, and Chloe Miller in front) has officially joined our staff! Haley grew up in Andover and attended EAVP, AE/MS, and Proctor Academy. After graduating from Vermont's Marlboro College in May, Haley returned home to Andover. She has been volunteering at EAVP since September and brings enthusiasm, patience, and a love of art, music, and children to our program. Welcome, Haley!
Caption and photo: Amy Rheaume



Virginia Edwards of Danbury won a Mossberg 835 12-gauge shotgun at the Andover Fish and Game Club Turkey Raffle drawing on November 6. Virginia is pictured here receiving her prize at the Smith River Trading Post in Danbury.

Andover Fish and Game Turkey Raffle a Big Success

Christmas party on Saturday, January 9

Amanda Gross, AF&G volunteer

The Andover Fish and Game Club's (AF&G) annual Turkey Raffle on November 6 was a great success, with a high turnout. Lucky participants won a variety of items, including turkeys, hams, and chickens. A Mossberg shotgun and a beautiful handmade gun cabinet were also raffled. Fun was had by all.

Thank you to all the Club members and their families and friends who helped on this event. Thank you, also,

to everyone who came out to enjoy the raffle, which is one of AF&G's annual fundraisers. The funds help the Club put on two fishing derbies for kids and send kids to the Barry Conservation Camp for education in hunting, fishing, camping, and other outdoor skills.

The Club's Christmas party will be on Saturday, January 9, at 6 PM, with Happy Hour from 5 to 6 PM. Deer Pool awards will be announced and handed out at the party. Please bring food items for the Andover Food Pantry.

The Club's next big event is the Kids Ice Fishing Derby in February.



Marj Roy's granddaughter Ava Cote reads to Dee Ganley's dog Flip at the Andover Library during the library's monthly Reading Education Assistance Dogs (READ) program, a literacy program built around reading to dogs. According to ReadDogsMN.org, "When a READ dog is listening, the environment is transformed. A child's dread is replaced by eager anticipation, and learning occurs." To sign up your child to read to Flip, call the library at 735-5333.
Photo: Dee Ganley



It takes dedicated volunteers – including Mona the Great Dane and Nancy and Scott Robart, down from Alaska – to get each issue of *The Andover Beacon* ready for press and in the mail. If the Robarts can cross the continent to help out, couldn't you volunteer at our office right down the street? Or you can even help from home on your computer, if that's the kind of thing you like to do. Please contact Charlie Darling at 735-6099 or Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com about volunteer opportunities at the *Beacon*.
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Willy sits on Peter Zak's lap, next to the book that Mary Lloyd-Evans co-authored about Willy's finding a home at Highland Lake Apple Farm.

Mary Lloyd-Evans Co-Authors *Willy Finds a Home*

"Every home needs to be owned by a cat!"

Press release

Willy Finds a Home was co-authored by Mary Lloyd-Evans of Highland Lake Apple Farm in East Andover. This true story is told in the words of Willy, the cat.

Willy appeared at the farm some eight years ago. After spending a few days at the farm, he would leave to visit another home nearby. However, after a few weeks he made the decision to live at the farm.

His love for our cat, Spookey, was quite beautiful, and he protected him at all times. He greets all of our customers and makes sure they pay on the honor system. Most recently, Willy has taken on the responsibility to protect Hazel, our new cat. Hazel was owned by Bryant Adams and came to the farm after Bryant passed away. Willy is a unique cat who has the need to be needed.

The book is available at the farm on Maple Street and at both of Andover's libraries. Andover first graders enjoy the book and have written some delightful stories about Willy.



Ricker Miller of Andover guided the long-lost 1,400-pound milepost back into its proper place beside the Northern Rail Trail. Howard Jelleme of Andover provided and operated the equipment for the installation. Dane Malcolm of Contoocook had acquired the milepost from a collector and was preserving it for its historic importance. Photo: Ed Hiller

Historic Railroad Milepost Found and Replaced

Only seven more are still missing

Ed Hiller, FNRT

A long-lost milepost has been discovered and returned to its original position along the Northern Rail Trail in Boscawen. If just seven more can be recovered, the 58 miles of the rail trail from Concord to Lebanon will have a

complete set.

The Northern Rail Trail is fortunate to retain many artifacts that testify to its historic origins. Among the most impressive are the granite mileposts that were installed by the Boston and Maine Railroad between 1900 and 1905. They served to provide reference points for railroad operations and also to allow the

See Milepost on page 24

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The Living Stones are among the many local talents who have performed at the Andover Community Coffeehouse over the past year.

Coffeehouse Announces Headliners for January and February

Low Profiles and DoBros on tap

Press release

Two home-grown musical groups with distinctly different styles will be featured at the December and January “Third Friday” Andover Community Coffeehouse concerts. The concerts in the Highland Lake Grange Hall are open to the public at no charge; donations are accepted.

The December 18 “Third Friday” Coffeehouse will feature the Lowe Pro-

files, a trio of three local sisters: New London’s Kathy Lowe-Bloch, Susie Lowe-Stockwell of South Sutton, and Kim Lowe-Beaton of Bradford. They’ll be singing original and traditional songs of winter celebration, but with a vaudeville twist.

To celebrate the spirit of the season, attendees are invited to bring along their best singing voices for raising the cheer. Songbooks will be available to help the audience join in on Kathy Lowe’s own festive compositions, which will also be

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East Andover Village Preschool, November 2015

Storyteller at Bachelder Library on December 12

Amy Rheume, EAVP

We were excited to kick off the month of November with our Creepy Crawl 5K and kids’ fun-run fundraiser. As a small, private preschool, we rely on fundraising to meet our operating budget. The Andover community supported this event by donating money as t-shirt sponsors, volunteering time to organize and orchestrate the event, and by attending and running. We are grateful to you all!

In response to our recent interest in and study of nocturnal animals, Lt. Heidi Murphy, of New Hampshire Fish and Game, spent time with us recently, discussing the many forest animals native to our state. In helping us identify some of these animals, she showed us pelts, a skull, a cast of a footprint, and even models of scat. Heidi answered our questions, gave us new information to think about, and reminded us never to touch wild animals.

The preschoolers were thrilled by a visit from the “Good Halloween Witch of

Tucker Mountain,” a character from one of our teacher-created class stories. She brought treats of oatmeal cookies – just like she does in the story! One of the children remarked “I didn’t think she was real!” This group of children has a strong interest in storytelling. We See EAVP on page 25



The Good Halloween Witch of Tucker Mountain (Beth Frost) visited EAVP and shared oatmeal cookies with the preschoolers. Remarkable one of them, “I didn’t know the Good Halloween Witch was real!”

Photo: Julia Friedline



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Margo Coolidge and Robin Boynton wait on a customer in the closing moments of the first day of the Andover Service Club's annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale on November 24. The pies flew off the tables at the Circle K in Cilleyville throughout the two-day fundraiser for the Service Club's scholarship fund. **Photo: Charlie Darling**

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locomotive engineer to gauge his speed using his trusty railroad watch.

These massive mileposts are 8½ feet long and weigh 1,400 pounds. They show the mileage to Boston on one side and to White River Junction on the other.

The Northern Railroad was constructed, with incredible human labor, from Concord, New Hampshire to White River Junction, Vermont in 1847. This revolutionized the economic culture of up-country New Hampshire.

But subsidized highway competition in the 20th century spelled its doom. Operations were abandoned in the 1990s, and the tracks were taken up for salvage. The railroad ties were then removed by volunteer snowmobile groups.

During that period, many of the mileposts disappeared. Only 31 remained on the 58 miles of trail from Concord to Lebanon. Grafton County had lost 22. Merrimack County had lost five.

Recently it was learned that Dane Malcolm of Contoocook had one. He had acquired it from another collector and was preserving it for its historic importance. When he was contacted, he was very glad to see it restored to its original location on the Northern Line.

Thanks to the generous volunteer efforts by Howard Jelleme and Ricker Miller of Andover, this massive monument was transported and installed at its original location on the rail trail in Boscawen.

After recovery of other mileposts on private property and the transfer of mileposts from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's stockpile, the Northern Rail Trail still is missing seven mileposts to complete the 58 miles from Concord to Lebanon Center.

We urge anyone who has one of these irreplaceable monuments to contact anyone in the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT) to arrange a "no questions asked" donation. You can reach me at 735-5690.

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available for purchase on her *Wishing You Peace* CD.

On Friday, January 15, the Warner-based quartet known as the DoBros will offer what they brand as "music for the common-folk," which blends a mix of "blues, folk, bluegrass, rhythm, funk, roots, rock, reggae, Americana, fusion, disco, Motown, jazz, calypso and psychedelia into a style all its own: farm funk." Group members are Ben Dobrowski (guitar, vocals); Luke Dobrowski (drums, vocals, banjo, mandolin); Colin Nevins (guitar, vocals); and Chris Spann-Weitz (bass).

Also appearing onstage both evenings 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. Open-mic participants in the December 15 show are invited to prepare winter-related or holiday-themed songs in the spirit of the season.

For Lowe Profiles lead singer Kathy Lowe-Bloch, the December appearance will mark her second as a featured act at the Andover Community Coffeehouse, having performed before a standing-room-only audience there in February. Since writing her first song at age 11, she's performed literally around the world and now focuses on audience participation, sound healing, and therapeutic music for audiences in schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and veterans'

centers. Learn more about her work at KathyLoweMusic.com.

The DoBros made their major debut more recently, at the Warner Fall Foliage Festival in 2013, on that town's newly constructed post-and-beam stage. Since then they have performed throughout northern New England at venues in Concord, Littleton, and Hanover, New Hampshire; Winooski, Vermont; Cambridge, Massachusetts; and elsewhere. The band has yet to record a studio album, but it has a solid base of original material which it performs at every show. For more information, visit Facebook.com/TheDoBrosNH.

Doors to the 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. The sponsor for the evening is the Highland Lake Apple Farm in East Andover, located on Maple Street just across Route 11 from the Coffeehouse. The January sponsor is an anonymous supporter of the Andover Community Association.

Information about future dates and scheduled performers, and a photographic record of the performers, both headliners and open-mic participants, are shown at AndoverCoffeehouse.org or on the Facebook page "Andover Community Coffeehouse."

Video recordings of past programs are shown on a number of community-access channels across the state and are available at AndoverNH.us by clicking on "Town Information" and then "Video Archive."

As the Coffeehouse nears its first anniversary, an organizer looks back on a year of surprises

After one early monthly performance, Paul Currier, chair of the Coffeehouse working group, described the community's response as "beyond all expectations." The characterization continues to apply, according to working-group member Cindy Benson, as the Coffeehouse is about to enter its second year of operation in January.

After 11 months of concerts, Benson expands: "From the willingness -- and eagerness -- of well-known performers to lend their professional support, to the variety of talents displayed by open-mic participants, to the enthusiasm of the audiences, to the support of the Andover Congregational Church through its food sales, to the cadre of local volunteers who assure that everything runs smoothly -- all these elements come together, month after month, in a way that is truly impressive. We are thankful to everyone who has supported this community activity."

Featured performers to date include: January: Richard King, Sferes and White; February: Cathy Lowe; March: Click Horning; April: Tom Pirozzoli; May: Sferes and White; June: Decatur Creek; July: Kenny Weiland; Special July outdoor concert: Lindsey Schust and the Ragged Mountain Band; August: Scott King; September: Neptune's Car; October: NewFound Grass; November: Julie Snow; December: the Lowe Profiles.

Andover open-mic performers to date include: Carl Ahern, Cindy Benson, Brooks Bicknell, Margo Coolidge, Joe Dupuis, Percy Hill, The Living Stones, Robyn Macy, Vicky Mishcon, Janet Moore, Doug Phelps, Sferes and White, Nancy Tripp, and Josh Wagner.

Event sponsors to date: March: Jimmy Sferes Professional Guitar Instruction; April: Horizons Engineering; May: Belletetes Building Products Specialists; June: Highland Lake Inn; July: Dr. Jonathan Mishcon, Tilton Medical Associates; July Special: Andover Pizza Chef; August: Ragged Mountain Physical Therapy; September: Proctor Academy; October: Long-tail Publishing; November: Anonymous, in honor of the Northern Rail Trail; December: Highland Lake Apple Farm.

The Andover Community Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of the Andover Community Association (ACA).



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Through the Reading Glasses: December 2015

Janet Moore
Andover Libraries trustee

Wow, 'tis the season for some outstanding new books! Here are four you can find in the Andover Libraries.

The Good House by Ann Leary makes you wonder: is it the house or the homeowners who make life interesting? *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion details Don Tillman's search for the perfect wife; romantic comedy is at its best in this debut novel.

Garth Risk Hallberg, in *City on Fire*, builds his novel around the New York City blackout of 1977. Finally, Louis de Bernieres, that marvelous author of

Corelli's Mandolin and *Birds Without Wings*, has written a World War I family saga, not to be missed.

On Saturday, December 12, at 4:15 PM, a very special program will take place at the Bachelder Library in East Andover. Storyteller and author Michael Caduto will present *Keepers of the Earth: Completing the Circles of Life* for families with children from ages three through nine. Come sing and dance and learn about environmental stewardship through stories chosen from our native North American cultures.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and may all your snow wishes be granted!

Yoga Begins at Bachelder Library in January

Balance, strength, health, and healing

Press release

Beginning on Tuesday, January 5, and continuing through February, a hatha yoga class will be offered on Tuesday evenings at the Bachelder Library in East Andover from 6:15 to 7:30 PM. Taught by long-time yoga teacher Kristen Nesbitt, the "Gentle Flow" yoga

class will focus on balance, strengthening, health, and healing.

The fee for each four-week series is \$48, or \$13 on a drop-in basis. The first class is free for new students.

For more information on Kristen and her classes, visit BackRoadsYoga.com. The series is co-sponsored by the library and the Andover Institute, a branch of the Andover Community Association.

EAVP and Andover Libraries Present *Keepers of the Earth*

Michael Caduto
on December 12

Press release

Popular author and master storyteller Michael Caduto brings his Program for Environmental Awareness and Cultural Exchange (PEACE) performance of Native American myths and legends to WA Bachelder Library in East Andover on Saturday, December 12, at 4:15 PM. The performance, entitled *Keepers of the Earth: Completing the Circle of Life*, uses song, chants, native instruments, dance, and stories that are carefully chosen from among the native cultures found throughout North

America.

Caduto's lively performance engages the audience with a cast of humorous and dramatic characters and voices that share the theme of environmental stewardship. During the presentation, participants are introduced to, and actively involved in, the great circles of life – the traditional Native American basis for a balanced, sustainable existence with Earth. For more information, visit P-E-A-C-E.net.

This free program is presented by the East Andover Village Preschool and the Andover Libraries for families with children in preschool through third grade.

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are exploring different ways of telling a story, and "true" and "not true" stories. Drawing, writing, and creating written patterns and letter-like shapes are part of this exploration. Children have been writing and then reading their books to each other. We are looking forward to welcoming our families to our open house, "Stories from the Classroom," and to co-hosting storyteller Michael Caduto at the Bachelder Library in East Andover on Saturday, December 12, at 4:15 PM. Michael will share Native American tales appropriate for children preschool age through third grade. We

hope you'll join us!

We have invited the grandparents of our preschoolers to join us for a sing-along, art activity, and snack on December 8. We can't wait to welcome them to our school and give them a glimpse of a preschool day!

Haley Peters, an EAVP alum, and recent graduate of Marlboro College, had been volunteering at the preschool since the beginning of the school year. We are pleased to announce that Haley has officially come on board as an afternoon teacher; she brings enthusiasm, patience, and a love for art, music, and children to our program. We are so glad she is here!

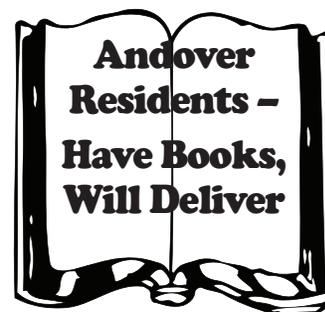
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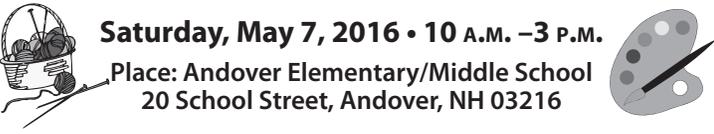
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Andover Service Club, November 2015

Year-end donations benefit scholarship fund

Mary Ofenloch, ASC past president
The Andover Service Club (ASC) met on November 11 in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. The usual business reports were read and accepted. Sign-ups for the Thanksgiving Pie Sale on

and winning tickets will be drawn at the Christmas luncheon.

On Wednesday, January 13, the ASC ladies will be meeting at 10 AM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall, and after regular order, the program will be "time for crafting." The ladies will be working on their pieces for the new "Welcome Spring" Art and Craft Show and Sale on Saturday, May 7 at AE/MS. If you would like to participate in the event, please contact Mary Ofenloch at 735-4101 (after 10 AM) or MaryO.ASClub@live.com for an application.



Leah Szilagyi (right) of Therapy Works in New London spoke to ASC ladies about health and movement problems of aging with the proper therapy needed to heal. ASC President Sandra Graves (left) listened attentively.

The dreaded April 15 tax day will be here soon. The ASC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donation is tax-deductible. Donations benefit the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund. "Thank you!" to those who have already donated. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

During the beautiful holiday season, the ladies of ASC wish you and yours a Very Merry and Holy Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

As we gather around the dinner table to celebrate the season with family and friends, let us all remember our military, who are away from home, fighting for the freedom we all enjoy, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep America free. May God Bless Us, Everyone.

November 24 and 25 were finalized, and sign-ups for the upcoming Christmas luncheon at 74 Main (the Millstone) in New London on December 9 also occurred. Raffle tickets for the "Gifts Galore" baskets are to be sold,

son with family and friends, let us all remember our military, who are away from home, fighting for the freedom we all enjoy, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep America free. May God Bless Us, Everyone.

Congregational Church Plans Caroling for December 20

Christmas Eve service at 7 PM

Sandy Miller
Andover Congregational Church

We have a very busy time ahead of us as we celebrate the Advent and Christmas season. Advent began on Sunday, November 29 and continues through December 20. On the third Sunday in December, we will be celebrating Holy Communion.

invite you to join us for this beautiful and inspirational service as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

We continue to have "Second Saturdays for Guys" at the Highland Lake Grange Hall in East Andover from 8:30 to 10 AM. It includes good food and fellowship and inspiring speakers. Call Bob Grover at 470-7248 for more information.

A women's group meets on the same day and time, only at a different place. Call Kathy Kelly at 934-4961 for further details.

Franklin Graham in Concord

Franklin Graham, the son of Billy Graham, is coming to Concord on Tuesday, January 19 with the "Decision America Tour Mission." He feels the Lord is calling him to do a 50-state tour in preparation for our 2016 elections, and he is calling for the churches to be awakened to their calling to impact our society with the Gospel.

There will be a special choir and carols on Sunday, December 20 at our 9:30 AM service. Also, on December 20, we will meet at 5 PM at the church parking lot to go Christmas caroling in the neighborhood. Please let us know of shut-ins or elderly that might enjoy a visit of caroling by calling the Church office at 735-5160.

The caroling will be followed by a Church family Christmas party at approximately 7 PM, but the place is not yet determined (perhaps the Grange Hall). Call the Church office to check. All are invited to join us at either one or both of these events.

Check newspapers and the Internet for more details as the date grows closer.

The Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols will be held at 7 PM and is designed for the whole family. We in-

Our regular worship services are held at 9:30 AM. Please join us in worship. A blessed and Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year to all!



The Andover Institute's Photo Expo and workshops drew 12 exhibitors and 30 attendees to the Highland Lake Grange Hall on November 7. Pictured here is Mooseman Rick Libbey talking about one of his iconic photos of moose in the wild. Photo: Larry Chase

Andover Community Association Hosts Twelfth Night Celebration

Saturday, January 9
at the Curriers

Press release

Area residents are invited to bring their retired Christmas trees, wreaths, and other "green" decorations to a late-afternoon/early-evening community bonfire on Saturday, January 9, at the Route 4A home of Paul and Lynette Currier.

To be held between 4:30 and 7 PM, the gathering will recall an old tradition in New England and elsewhere in which Christmas trees and wreaths were burned in a communal bonfire as part of a community celebration marking Twelfth Night, the end of the traditional twelve-day Christmas celebration and the return to the often-harsh reality of winter.

Co-sponsored by the Andover Community Association (ACA) and the Andover Congregational Church, the alcohol-free event is open to the public at no charge, and all ages are welcome.

The Curriers live at 320 Route 4A in Andover, about one mile north of where

4A intersects with State Route 11, not far from the Blackwater Junction Restaurant. The driveway into their home (on the right, traveling north, about 500 feet past Lockwood Road), will be marked by a "Twelfth Night Party" sign. Food (light dinner and dessert fare) will be sold by members of the Andover Congregational Church, with proceeds going to the Andover and Twin Rivers food pantries.

Things to bring:

- Your retired Christmas tree, wreath, and other organic holiday decoration. No artificial trees, please!
- Your musical instrument, for an impromptu jam session
- Your voice, to lend to an impromptu chorus
- Portable seating for indoor or outdoor use, if available
- Warm clothing
- Sleds, if sufficient snow has fallen – there's a nice little hill on the property.

For more information, please contact ACA at AndoverCommunity03216@gmail.com.

Tax Help Coming to Andover; Volunteers Needed

AARP Tax-Aide program starts January 15

Press release

AARP Tax-Aide and the IRS offer free income tax preparation for middle and low income taxpayers and the elderly. The program is looking for volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to do tax preparation in New London and Andover. Volunteers are welcome. You don't need to be an AARP member or a retiree to volunteer.

We need individuals who have some basic income tax preparation experience and good computer skills. AARP Tax-Aide tax volunteers receive com-

prehensive training in cooperation with the IRS and become certified to prepare tax returns.

"AARP Tax-Aide volunteers get a great deal of satisfaction from helping people deal with the challenges of preparing their tax forms," said Ron Koron, local coordinator. If you are interested, call Ron at 526-8018.

IRS-trained Tax-Aide volunteers will be available at Lake Sunapee Bank in New London and in Andover beginning February 2 through April 14. Call for an appointment after January 15. For an appointment in New London, call 526-2535. For an appointment in Andover, call 735-5923.



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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!



The Andover After School Program opens on teacher workshop days! These kids are enjoying raking the huge amount of leaves in our backyard. This is a great way to enjoy a day off from school. Front: Ollie Grotnes, Colin Murphy, Lily Luicha, Abby Bentzler, Ada Grotnes, Olivia Bentzler, Damien Jenifer, and Brody Hawks. Back: Emily Hackmann, Caleb Warzocha, Anna Warzocha, Nathan Bain, Logan Welch, Ben Kelly, Liam Murphy, and Ryker Gregoire.

Photo and caption: Diane Adams

Andover After School Program, November 2015

Thank you for supporting our fundraisers!

Diane Adams, AASP

Happy holidays everyone! We, here at the Andover After School Program, want to thank everyone who participated in our fundraiser and donated to the food drive for the Andover Food Pantry. Every year we use the fundraiser money to replace broken or lost toys, games, and puzzles. We also replenish our outdoor toys and sleds. This was a big help. We also had a group of older children accompany a staff member to the food pantry. This was a big treat, and they were all glad to help out families in need.

In November, we made lots of tur-

keys, and a huge cornucopia was our snack room display. The kids had fun coloring the fruits and vegetables for the cornucopia. We also read a lot of books on the meaning of Thanksgiving during read-aloud time. Our bulletin board in the Library was based on the book *Thanksgiving Day*. The follow-up activities were making a turkey with real feathers and "What I Am Thankful For" drawings. Both are displayed in our library.

We are currently collecting Labels for Education. We have a list available of what products have these labels on them. Our bucket of Labels for Education is almost half-way full. Big thanks to those who have contributed!

Have a safe and prosperous holiday season. We will see you next year.

Bernice Nowell Continues Grange's Dictionary Tradition

"Selling them for free" to area third graders

Press release

Hats off to Bernice Nowell of Andover who has been busy delivering dictionaries to area schools' third graders as part of the Grange Dictionary Project. In addition to talking about the Grange and the program, Bernice also leaves several pairs of her handmade mittens.

The dictionaries, a total of 105, are given to the students to keep as their own and include some encyclopedia-type pages that give details on our states, planets, presidents, and sign lan-

guage as well as showcasing the longest word, which is over 1,000 letters long.

The Blazing Star Grange of Danbury continues the program in the districts formerly supported by the Blackwater Grange of Andover, with Bernice continuing to manage the program.

Thank-you notes from Kearsarge Elementary School were read at Blazing Star Grange's regular meeting on November 19. There were many sweet, well-thought-out sentiments of appreciation and gratitude. The project was summed up best by one student who wrote: "Thanks really much for buying the dictionaries and selling them free."



Danbury Farmers Market Adds Fleas Downstairs

Clean out your attic for January 2

Press release

It is almost here ... 2016. Have you thought about resolutions? The Danbury Winter Farmers Market just might help you with your resolutions. Do you want to eat healthier, live simpler, connect with the farmer that grows your food, help the local economy, enjoy community, and clean out your basement?

What? Clean out my basement? Reduce the clutter in my house? How can they do that? Here's the scoop.

In January, the Grange is hosting a flea market downstairs while the ninth season of the farmers market continues upstairs. People love yard sales, no matter what time of the year, and right after the holiday people want something to do to beat the post-holiday blues.

Buyers can browse and sellers can rent a table for the day. Only \$10 for a

short table and \$15 for a long table, and you can bring your boxes of "fleas," white elephants, and "it's not me" Christmas gifts to be sold.

While upstairs, items need to be made by you, downstairs tables do not. Showcase your business or clear out those boxes from the garage. The choice is yours. People who sign up early can send pictures to be included on the Grange Web site.

The date is the day after New Year's Day: Saturday, January 2. Spread the word to your friends, and haul them with you to the Grange Hall, where they make a mean breakfast sandwich dubbed the "McGranger." Come support local farms, encourage cottage industries, and put community center-stage.

To rent a table, contact Donna at 768-5579 or DonnaArdena@gmail.com. Your table rental helps support the farmers market and the Grange's community service activities.



Famous Christmas Pageant in South Danbury on December 21

Featured in Donald Hall's *Lucy's Christmas*

Press release

In November 2012, *Yankee* magazine published a story about the Christmas Pageant put on at the South Danbury Christian Church that had been written about by Donald Hall in his children's book *Lucy's Christmas*. During "the season of light and promise," the

article said, this pageant has become "enshrined as a community event." As it is still today.

You can expect music and song from young and old, special performances, delicious snacks, and maybe – if we've all been good – a visit from Santa. The Pageant will be held on Monday, December 21, at 7 PM, with December 22 as the snow date. All are welcome. For more information, call 768-3191.

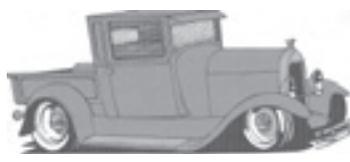


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Permaculture Design Course at Colby-Sawyer in the Spring

Jen White is one of the teachers

Press release

Jen White of Andover is one of several Colby-Sawyer instructors who have organized a Permaculture Design Certification Course at Colby-Sawyer College this spring. This course is especially useful for homeowners, planners, design professionals, community organizers, farmers, and gardeners. It is adapted to a wide variety of learning styles and is presented via lecture, images, video, group discussion, hands on experiences, exercises, and design projects.

Throughout the course, each student will be working on a design

project for their own property. The course will meet at Colby-Sawyer College on Monday evenings, with a few Saturday field trips and one overnight. If you are working toward a sustainable future and want practical tools and applicable methodologies, then this course is for you!

Contact Ellen Brownson at 526-3706 or Ellen.Brownson@Colby-Sawyer.edu to sign up.

This course is open to the public, and more information is available at Colby-Sawyer.edu/sustainable/permaculture-certification.html.

The instructors are Leon Malan and Jennifer White, with Steve Whitman and local experts. The cost is \$900, and registration is open through January 18.

Innovative Colby-Sawyer Projects Get Funding

Several Andover residents involved

Press release

In 2014, Colby-Sawyer College received a \$160,750 two-year grant from the Davis Educational Foundation to support innovations by faculty and staff that improve educational outcomes while decreasing costs.

In August, the committee overseeing the grant green-lighted two projects for implementation: a student-focused college store and a community-based living laboratory in Franklin. Andover residents are involved in each.

A Home-Grown College Store

Professor Randy Hanson says the idea for a college store was born of a desire to do something that really matters to students and creates a cost savings for the college. He and other team members considered a common student complaint: the cost of college textbooks. "Our basic conclusion was, 'Well, the bookstore is a great resource the college isn't utilizing.'"

Joined by Associate Dean of Students and Director of Citizenship Education Robin Davis of Andover, the group was inspired by the courses The Science of Maple Sugaring and Brewing Science, which involve students in hands-on learning. As a result, they designed the course MDS 250 Designing a Campus Store, in which students plan the store's look, layout, location, and inventory. The school has since cancelled its contract with the corporation that currently runs the campus bookstore, so the students in MDS 250 will get the opportunity to implement a real store as opposed to a theoretical one.

Franklin Falls: Hands-on Learning

The nearby city of Franklin is in the midst of reinventing itself with the help of Colby-Sawyer College and the Davis Educational Foundation. By expanding

a collaborative relationship with Franklin, students maximize their experiential learning as they make the city more sustainable.

In forming the Franklin Falls proposal, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Sustainability Coordinator Jen White '90 of Andover said the team – which includes Professor Harvey Pine of Andover – wanted to create an experience where students could take the business strategies and water conservation methods learned in a classroom and turn them into action.

A challenge for the group is time conservation. Franklin is about 30 minutes from New London, making it impractical for students to drive to Franklin for one class. The solution was to propose a degree program focused on the Franklin project, allowing students to spend intensive terms and even entire semesters in Franklin.

If the three-year major is approved, it would be a unique major on the national stage, create revenue for the college, and allow students an extra year of possible earnings.



Robbie Schwendler enjoyed decorating cookies at last year's Wilmot Express.

Wilmot Organizations Host Fourth Annual "Wilmot Express"

Sunday, December 13, starting at 4:30 PM

Press release

Fun for the whole family will be on track starting at 4:30 PM on Sunday, December 13. That's when the young and young-at-heart can climb aboard the fourth annual Wilmot Express, a town-wide holiday celebration.

The Wilmot Express is a joint effort by the Wilmot Community Association (WCA), the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department, and the Wilmot Public Library.

The first stop – from 4:30 to 5:30 PM – will be at the WCA's Red Barn at 64 Village Road, next door to the US Post Office in Wilmot Flat. Visit with your friends and neighbors while your chil-

dren make a holiday craft.

At the second stop – from 5 to 7 PM – enjoy a hearty spaghetti dinner, caroling, and a tree lighting ceremony at the Wilmot fire station on Route 11. John Swindell, a professional photographer based in Wilmot, will take pictures of children with Santa.

At 7 PM, Santa will hop on a fire truck, give the call for "all aboard," and travel to the Wilmot Public Library, 11 North Wilmot Road, just off Route 4A in Wilmot Center. The Jolly Old Elf and Mrs. Santa will give each child a special gift and read *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

More information about the Wilmot Express is available at WilmotCommunityAssociation.org, or follow the WCA on Facebook.

Senior Luncheon in Wilmot on December 16

With entertainment from SKIT

Press release

The December Senior Luncheon at the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) in Wilmot Flat will feature special holiday keyboard and vocal music by Susan Cancio-Bello. She was the music director of SKIT's recent *Best of Burt (Bacharach, that is)* musical and

is a member of the group Folk Fusion.

Don't miss the chance to schmooz with friends while enjoying a mid-day hot meal at the lovely WCA Red Barn at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, December 16. Call Margaret at 768 3805 for reservations.

Luncheons will continue to be offered at 11:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month through April 2016.

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JUDITH AVALON BAILEY GILMAN, 67, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away unexpectedly at her home October 2, 2015. She was born on March 8, 1948, to Sprague and Pauline Bailey in Hardwick, Vermont. Judy attended schools in Woodbury and Hardwick, Vermont, graduating in 1966. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Vermont in 1970.

After graduating from college, she worked for four years as a Service Coordinator for the New England Phone Company. In 1971 she married Stephen R. Gilman in South Woodbury, Vermont. After settling in the Concord area, she made her home and dedicated herself to raising her family.

Judy was predeceased by both of her parents and by her sister, Celeste Bailey. She is survived by her son Brian, his wife Sarah, and three grandchildren: Asa, Samuel, and Sadie, all of Andover; and by her son Timothy, his wife Larissa, and two grandchildren: Isabella and Rowan, all of Concord, California. She also leaves her sister, Deanna McFarland of Tennessee, and a niece and a nephew.

Judy was a devoted mother who was very active and involved in school functions. Some of her favorite activities in her younger years included spending time with her children and family, camping, and hiking. As her sons married and started their own families, she genuinely loved the time she was able

to spend with her grandchildren.

In more recent years, Judy experienced a period of declining health. She moved to Florida to establish a residence there. At the time of her passing, she left many friendly acquaintances in her neighborhood. She was known among her friends to be outgoing and caring towards her neighbors.

A memorial service was held on November 7 at the South Woodbury Congregational Church, in South Woodbury, Vermont. Burial followed immediately. Donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.



PAUL FRANCIS WILCOX, 94, died on October 12, 2015, at Mountain Ridge in Franklin following a brief illness.

He leaves his son, Robert Wilcox, and wife Sherry; his step-daughter, Joyce Johnston; his daughter, Ruth Niven and partner Kevin Waldron; his daughter-in-law, Linda Wilcox; his step-daughter, Linda Rowe and husband Daryl; and grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.



He was pre-deceased by his wife, Mary (Davis) Wilcox; his son, Richard Wilcox; and his son, Ralph Wilcox.

Born in Oneonta, New York, on June 20, 1921, to Francis and Beatrice Wilcox, Paul grew up in Lebanon and later moved to Franklin. He enlisted in

the US Army's 704th Military Police Battalion in 1942 and was discharged as sergeant in 1946.

He and his first wife, Marion (Emery) Wilcox, raised their children in Franklin. When his sons joined the Boy Scouts of America, he helped as an assistant leader for local Troop 52.

Paul enlisted in the Army National Guard's 3643rd Light Maintenance DS Company of Concord in 1951 and retired as SSG/E6 in 1981. He worked at the National Guard Armory in Concord for many years.

He retired from Oak Laminates in Franklin in 1986. In 1972, Paul moved to Andover, where he had many good neighbors. He enjoyed reading, fishing, and prospecting.

An informal gathering of family and friends was held on October 18 at his son's home in Franklin to mark his passing.

GEORGE FRANKLIN BURDICK, 80, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2015, in Virginia, where he had lived the last three years of his life.

He was born in Nashua on January 23, 1935, son of the late Ernest and Julia (Nichols) Burdick. George lived most of his life in Salisbury.



He is survived by Betty (Nerden) Burdick, his loving wife of 57 years; two daughters, five sons, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He has gone on to join his late son, Mark.

George retired from his position as Fleet Manager for Crowley Foods in Concord in 2000. He was active in many organizations throughout his life, but he most enjoyed his roles with the Andover Snowmobile Club and the New Hampshire Snowmobile Museum.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held in New Hampshire in the spring of 2016; details will be made available as they are finalized.

CHARLES E. "CHARLIE" HURD, 78, of Franklin passed away on October 24, 2015 at the Catholic Family Medical Center in Manchester from a long-term illness with his family at his bedside. Charlie was born in New London on October 31, 1936, the son of Harold Hurd and Madeline (Brooks) Hurd.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Marilyn (Hazen) Hurd of Franklin. He leaves his three children: son William (Billy) and his wife Heather Hurd of Franklin; son Vincent and his wife Melissa Hurd of New Boston; and daughter Melissa and her husband Jerry Thompson of East Andover.



He also leaves five grandchildren: MacKenzie Hurd, India Thompson, Nicholas Hurd, Veronica Hurd, and Alan Thompson; one great-grandchild, Aiden; three brothers: Howard Hurd of Ossipee, Donald Hurd of Sutton, and

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Richard Hurd of Contoocook.

Charlie was self-employed for 43 years at Franklin Septic Tank Service. Previous to establishing his business, he was a carpenter. Charlie remained active in his business until recently, when he became too ill.

Charlie served three years in the Army. He was a long-term member of the Elks and the VFW. Charlie enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He had a passion for cards and a good game of pool.

Calling hours were held at the Chadwick Funeral Home on October 29, and a funeral service was held on October 31 at the funeral home with burial following in North Sutton Cemetery. There was a gathering held at the Highland Lake Inn in East Andover following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 2 Commerce Drive #110, Bedford NH 03110.

LEO S. RAYMOND, 69, of Concord, died on October 27, 2015, after a long illness. He was born in Lewiston, Maine on September 10, 1946, a son of Jeannette and Simeon Raymond. He graduated from Lewiston High in the class of 1965. He served in the US Air Force and is a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Leo enjoyed the outdoors, yard work, camping, vacationing at the ocean, and playing cribbage. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, love of food, and excellent cooking ability.



He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Sheila Raymond; his son, Jeffrey Raymond and wife Kelley of Andover; two daughters: Misha Coolbaugh and husband Ed of Spencer, Massachusetts, and Amanda Moore and husband Dennis of Loudon; stepson Ernest Coulombe and wife Melissa of Concord; seven grandchildren: Mike Coulombe, Matt

Coulombe, Jessica Coulombe, Gabriel Coolbaugh, Tatiana Coolbaugh, Brady Moore, and Rachel Moore; three great-grandchildren: Paxton Coulombe, Ryder Coulombe, and Brody Card; and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his mother Jeannette, brother Robert, sister Nancy, and brother Gerry.

Visiting hours were held on October 30 at Bennett Funeral Home in Concord. A funeral service was held on October 31 at Bennett Funeral Home. Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in Concord. Messages of condolence may be offered at BennettFuneral.com.

JEAN L. STEWART BARKER, 84, died on October 28, 2015, at the home in Northwood she shared with her daughter, Rebecca Rule; son-in-law, John K. Rule; granddaughter, Adi Rule; and Adi's partner, Kristopher Seavey.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lewis W. "Bud" Barker (Andover High School '53) and a son, Stephen Charles Barker. Another son, Robert W. Barker, lives in Franklin.

Jean was born in Danbury, the daughter of Lillian G. Ford Stewart and Robert Stewart. She graduated from Andover High School in 1949. She lived for many years on Corn Hill Road in Boscawen, where she brought up her family with intense love and care.

There were no calling hours or services. Her family thanks Concord VNA, in particular the hospice caregivers, for all their help and compassion during Jean's final months.

DONALD H. KAPLAN, MD, died peacefully on October 31, 2015 surrounded by his devoted family at the home he shared with Nancy Wilkins Kaplan, his wife of more than 58 years, in Andover. His was a life extraordinarily well lived, full of learning, leadership, community service,



travel, sports, and innumerable friends near and far. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends, and admirers from many walks of life and geographies.

Born on May 6, 1929 to Charles and Pauline Kaplan, he grew up in Cedarhurst, New York with his older brother, Robert Kaplan, formerly of South Orange, New Jersey. He attended the Loomis School (1947), Harvard University (1951), and New York Medical College (1955).

Don interned at Henry Ford Hospital where he met his future bride. He served as physician for DesRon 23 in the US Navy from 1956 to 1958. He fulfilled his residency at the Yale New Haven Hospital and established the Thames Eye Group in New London, Connecticut, practicing as an ophthalmologist in New London; in Mystic, Connecticut; and in Westerly, Rhode Island from 1960 to 1996.

He was an avid sailor, completing four Newport-Bermuda races, four Marblehead-Halifax races, and one trans-Atlantic crossing in 1991. He was a member of the Cruising Club of America, Ocean Cruising Club, and Ram Island Yacht Club. He also enjoyed tennis, skiing, camping, and hiking.

The Kaplans lived in Mystic, Connecticut for 40 years and were very ac-

tive in civic activities. Don was President of Temple Emanu-El at its former home in Groton, Connecticut and President of the staff at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. He was a long-time member of the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club in Andover, for which he served as President and created the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club's Endowment Fund.

In retirement, he became active in and served as President of the Andover Lions Club. He served on the Board of See Obituaries on page 32

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the New Hampshire Association for the Blind and was President of the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of NH.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Kaplan is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Lawrence and Lisa Kaplan of Lyme, Connecticut; his daughter and son-in-law Susan Kaplan and Eben James of Wayland, Massachusetts; and his daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth Kaplan and Stefano Rusconi of Milan, Italy. He leaves six grandchildren: Natalie and Rachel Kaplan; Fletcher and Keillor Kaplan-James; and Rebecca and Olivia Rusconi.

Donations may be made to Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club's Endowment Fund at RMF&GC Endowment Fund, PO Box 1838, New London NH 03257-1838; or the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurses Association at LSRVNA & Hospice, PO Box 2209, New London NH 03257.

ROLAND E. LETOURNEAU JR., 60, of Haileyville, Oklahoma died unexpectedly on November 3, 2015 from a work-related accident. "RL," as he was known to many, was born in Exeter on August 30, 1955. He lived most of his life in Epping before moving to Oklahoma about 15 years ago.

He is survived by his three children:

Roland Letourneau III of Dover, Rosanna Ordway of Andover, and Amber Letourneau of Pennsylvania; siblings Debra Ann Parenteau of Nottingham, Denise Letourneau of Epping, Roger Letourneau of Nottingham, and Diane



Letourneau of Northwood; grandson Damion Roland Letourneau; granddaughter Zelda Marie Letourneau; the mother of his children, Dawn Letourneau of Raymond; seven nieces and nephews; and friends from far and wide.

He was greeted in Heaven by his adoring parents, Shirley and Roland Letourneau, Sr. and brother Ronald Letourneau, among many friends.

Roland was an incredibly talented mason, and his beautiful stonework can be seen across many states. He was a strong-willed man, known for his catch phrases such as, "I say what I mean, and I mean what I say," as well as his kind, generous soul. He was passionate about riding Harleys and vigorously protecting his loved ones. He will be missed deeply not only by his loving family, but by every person whom he met along his journey.

Friends and family gathered to honor Rolly's memory on November 7 at Brewitt Funeral Home in Epping. A graveside service followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Epping. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post 51, 232 Calef Hwy, Epping NH 03042. To sign an online guestbook, visit BrewittFuneralHome.com.

CAROL J. (HILL) GALLAGHER, 70, of Plaistow, known as Meme to her grandchildren, passed away peacefully on November 4, 2015 at Exeter Center in Exeter. She was born on September 25, 1945 in Danbury, the daughter of the late Richard G. and Rachel (Woodard) Hill. She was raised in Danbury and graduated from Andover High School.

Carol had worked in the shoe industry for 20 years at Styletek in Lowell, Massachusetts. She also worked for 20 years as a dietary aid at Baker Katz Nursing Home in Haverhill, Massachusetts. She retired in



2011 due to her failing health.

She enjoyed taking trips to visit lighthouses with her husband, Robert. She also enjoyed going on shopping and day trips with her girlfriends. Above all else, Carol found much enjoyment spending time with all of her grandchildren and with her Terrier, Penelope, and her Chihuahua, Abner.

Carol is survived by her son, Timothy M. Gallagher and his wife Shellie of Plaistow; her grandchildren: Lily Gallagher, Cole Gallagher, Gavin Gallagher, Jory Jackman; her great-grandson, Arkan Noyes; and her sister, Edna Peters and her husband Robert of Andover. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert E. Gallagher, in 1998; her brother, Graham Hill; and her sisters: Barbara Evans, Eleanor Hill, and Margaret Thomas.

There were no funeral services. Family and friends were invited to attend Mrs. Gallagher's Life Celebration on November 14 at Brookside Chapel and Funeral Home in Plaistow. Burial will take place next spring, at the convenience of her family.

PATRICIA WINN SLAYTON, 84, of Portsmouth, passed away peacefully on November 6, 2015.

Patricia was born in Peterborough to Edward and Madeline (Foley) Winn on April 15, 1931. Patricia grew up in Harrisville, attended Keene High School, and graduated from Keene Teachers College.



Patricia married Marshall Thomas Slayton of Keene, and they had three children. Patricia taught third grade at Little Harbour School in Portsmouth for many years. She often spoke of her fond memories of teaching and of her third grade students.

Patricia enjoyed traveling and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Patricia's quick wit, sense of humor, and caring ways will always be remembered.

Patricia is survived by her three children: Jane Slayton and her husband. See Obituaries on page 33

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band Keith Pfeifer of Andover, Thomas Slayton of Manchester, and Ted Slayton and his wife Lisa of Dover. Patricia is survived by her three grandchildren: Patrick Slayton, Madalyn Pfeifer, and William Slayton. She is also survived by her sister Elizabeth Thayer of New Castle. She is preceded in death by her brother Laurence Winn. She leaves behind many special friends and family members.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Wadleigh House of Dover and Edgewood Centre of Portsmouth. Patricia will remain in our hearts forever.

Memorial visitation was held at J. Verne Wood Funeral Home's Buckminster Chapel in Portsmouth on November 12. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Corpus Christi Parish at Immaculate Conception Church in Portsmouth on November 13. Memorial donations may be made to New Hampshire SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham NH 03885.

DAVID MONROE JEWETT, 70, of Franklin, passed away at his home on November 14, 2015, with his mother and three sisters by his side. David was born in Westbrook, Maine on May 29, 1945 and was the son of Noah and Irene Jewett of East Andover.

David was an active member of the East Andover Congregational Church and the Franklin Elks Club Post 1280, and was a life-time member of the Franklin VFW Post 1698, serving as Chaplain for 15 years and on many fund-raising committees. He was also Master of Ceremonies for the Fourth of July Celebration in Andover.

David was graduated from Andover High School in 1963. He enlisted in the United States Army, with part of his military service being spent in Korea. He also attended New Hampshire College of Accounting. He then moved to Milwaukee, where he attended The Career Academy, studying broadcasting. David then went on to earn his Culinary Apprenticeship, eventually retiring from the Milwaukee County, Wisconsin Prison System as kitchen supervisor.

David moved back to New Hampshire as a resident of Bristol and was

employed by Freudenberg NOK for 10 years. He then worked part time in the kitchen for Proctor Academy in Andover. David spent his final years as a resident of Franklin.

David enjoyed gardening, gambling, card games, and volunteering for charitable organizations. David was an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, the New England Patriots, and the Green Bay Packers and enjoyed other sports.

David is predeceased by his father, Noah; his brothers, Frank and Stephen; and his brother-in-law, Darrell Schader.

David is survived by his mother, Irene (Haley) Jewett of East Andover; three sisters: Barbara Schader of Athens, Georgia, Sharon Kern and her husband Arch of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Becky Dobretz and her husband Robert of Andover; three nieces, one nephew, one grand-niece, an aunt, an uncle, and many cousins.

Graveside services were held on November 20 at the Lakeview Cemetery in East Andover, followed by a memorial service at the Andover Congregational Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Highland Lake Grange Hall Restoration Fund, PO Box 211, East Andover NH 03231; or to the Franklin VFW Post 1698, PO Box 143, Franklin NH 03235.

BARBARA FORD HOLDEN, born on October 25, 1927 in Franklin, died on November 19, 2015. She was the daughter of Ruel Ford and Beulah (Goss) Ford of Danbury.

Barbara attended the North Road School in Danbury and Andover High School. She spent two years at Boston University and finished her college education at the University of New Hampshire at Durham.

Barbara married Walter Holden of Weare on June 23, 1951. They had two sons: Richard of Prescott, Arizona, and John of Plymouth; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Barbara taught music in Maine and New Hampshire. Then, after taking education courses in Connecticut and Vir-

ginia, she taught third grade for 13 years. She and Walter lived successively in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, and finally back to the town of her birth, Franklin.

A private service will be held. For an online guest book, please visit NeunFuneralHomes.com.

JOHN R. MCAULIFFE, 91, of Gilford, died on November 19, 2015, in his home. He was born on June 20, 1924, in Owens Mouth, California, the son of the late John T. and Bertha (Parsonage) McAuliffe. He grew up in Wilmot and graduated from Andover High School in 1942.

John served in the US Marine Corps during World War II. He received a BS in Civil Engineering from UNH and worked for 37 years for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation as a highway construction engineer. John was also the head of the railroad division for the State of New Hampshire.



He was a member of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Laconia. John enjoyed hunting, traveling in his RV, antique car restoration, and snowmobiling and was also a train and model railroad enthusiast.

He is survived by his wife, Annie E. (Butterfield) McAuliffe, of Gilford; one son, John T. McAuliffe, and his wife Elaine C. of Alton; two daughters: Marsha E. MacNeil and her husband Harry of Hampton, and Joan L. Chagnon and her husband Brit of Londonderry; two brothers: William D. McAuliffe of Florida and Thomas G. McAuliffe of Dalton; six grandchildren: Miles, Lauren, Marc and Jake Chagnon, and John R. and Kyle B. McAuliffe; and nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his parents.

Calling hours were held on November 24 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home in Laconia. Funeral services followed at the funeral home. Burial will be held at a later date at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscaawen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758540, Topeka KS 66675-8540. To view an online memorial, go to WilkinsonBeane.com.





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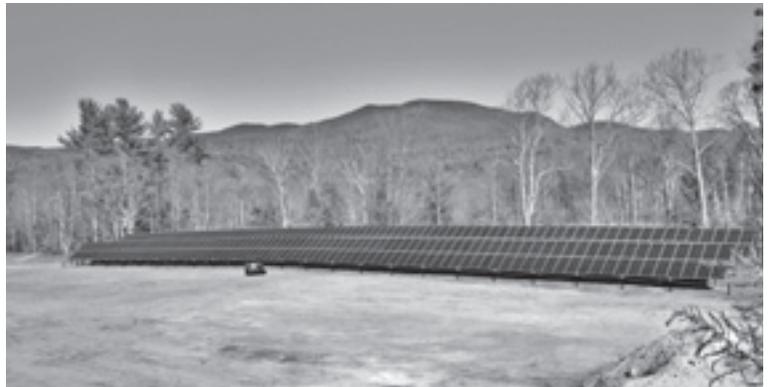
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School's total solar capacity hits 340 kW

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy completed its most recent solar array installation this fall with a 107.4 kW solar array in the south end of the Proctor Ski Area, the third major solar array installed in the past six months. The installation, performed by ReVision Energy, marks a significant commitment by the school toward

reducing its reliance on fossil fuels for electrical costs as the school's total solar capacity is now 340 kW. When combined with the school's biomass facility, Proctor has reduced its carbon footprint considerably over the past five years. Proctor is proud to be a part of the collective Andover community movement toward renewable energy.

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Proctor Sets the Date for 2016 St Baldrick's Event

Get bald on Saturday, March 26

Press release

For the past two years, the greater Andover community and Proctor Academy have come together to raise over \$56,000 to help fight childhood cancer by having volunteer "shavees" shave their heads for a St. Baldrick's head-shaving event.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers. By hosting head-shaving events like those at Proctor, volunteers raise money to fund this under-funded area of research.

Proctor Academy will host the third annual St. Baldrick's Head-Shaving Event on Saturday, March 26 at the Proctor Fieldhouse. We will be awarding the "Brave to Shave" team award to the team

that has raised the most money in 2015.

In 2014, Andover Fire/EMS were the winners and are currently in the lead again in 2015. (Yes, you can still donate money to your favorite team at StBaldricks.org/events/proctoracademy2015). The winner gets a fire helmet with the St. Baldrick's logo and "Brave to Shave" award on it donated by Garrison Fire and Safety in Palenville, New York.

We are excited to have Andover and surrounding communities involved in this event by becoming a "Shavee" or simply volunteering your time and efforts. So get your team together and come out and support a great cause. If you would like more information or you would like to sign up for the event, visit StBaldricks.org/events/proctoracademy2016 or e-mail Chris Young at YoungCh@ProctorAcademy.org.

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Chris Agyemang '16 of Billerica, Massachusetts was selected by the Marines to play in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl on Sunday, January 3 in Carson, California.

Proctor's Chris Agyemang to Play in Marine Corps' Bowl Game

All-American Bowl airs on Fox Sports 1

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor's Chris Agyemang '16 of Billerica, Massachusetts has been selected to play in the Semper Fidelis Senior Bowl as a representative of the East Region.

The Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl began five years ago as a way to honor outstanding high school football players from around the country who demonstrate values held by the United States Marine Corp. The players selected to represent the eastern and western halves of the country will be chosen not only because they are among the most talented players in the nation, but also because they bring something more to the game.

This year's Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl will be played in California on Sunday, January 3 at 6 PM and will air on Fox Sports 1.

Agyemang '16 is a deserving recipient for both his play on the field as a fierce linebacker, team captain, and tight end. This season, Agyemang had 81 tackles in 147 receiving yards in eight games this fall, leading the Hornets to a 6-2 record.

Off the field, Agyemang has been a leader in his dorm and a tremendous example to younger students as a student athlete who values his performance in the classroom as much as he does on the football field. Agyemang has not yet decided on where he will attend college, but he intends to play football at the Division 1 level.

Proctor Academy Winter Athletics Schedule

All home events are open to the public

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor's winter sports teams hit the court, ice, and trails this month! All home games and races are open to the public, and we hope the community comes out to check out some high level basketball, hockey, and skiing at Proctor this winter. For a complete schedule of games and races, visit ProctorAcademy.org/Page/On-Campus/Athletics.

Basketball

- December 12: Girls Varsity Basketball vs Brewster Academy, 4:30 PM
- December 16: Girls Varsity Basketball vs Tilton School, 1:30 PM
- December 16: Boys Varsity Basketball vs Bradford Christian Academy, 4:30 PM
- January 9: Girls Varsity Basketball vs Vermont Academy, 2:30 PM
- January 13: Boys Varsity Basketball vs Worcester Academy, 4:30 PM
- January 27: Boys Varsity Basketball vs MacDuffie School, 5 PM

Hockey

- December 16: Girls Varsity Hockey vs North Yarmouth Academy, 4 PM
- January 6: Boys Varsity Hockey vs Tilton School, 4 PM
- January 6: Girls Varsity Hockey vs Tilton School, 6:15 PM
- January 8: Boys Varsity Hockey vs Holderness School, 5:30 PM
- January 13: Girls Varsity Hockey vs Winchendon School, 5 PM
- January 20: Boys Varsity Hockey vs Groton School, 4 PM
- January 22: Boys Varsity Hockey vs Hebron Academy, 5 PM
- January 27: Boys Varsity Hockey vs Berwick Academy, 5 PM

Ski Races

- December 16: Nordic Ski Race, 2:45 PM
- December 31: FIS New Year's Eve Race, 12 PM
- January 3: USSSA Mac Cup Race, 8 AM
- January 16: FIS Slalom Race, 8 AM
- January 20: Nordic Ski Race, 2:45 PM



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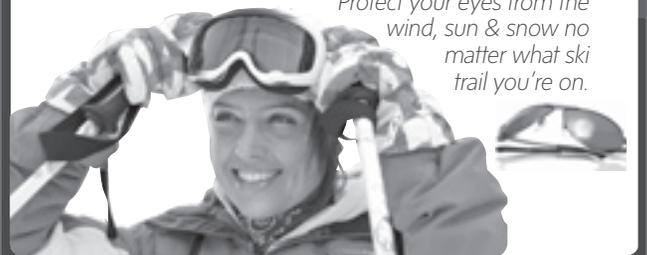


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Andover girls warming up before the start of the Middle School State Championships in Londonderry in October. Pictured are Morganne Budgett, Sophia Reynolds, Sasha Mackenzie, and Brynne Makechnie. Photo: Dave Scannell



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AE/MS Cross Country Wraps Up a Successful Season

Best races of the year at State Championships

Brian Reynolds, AE/MS coach

On October 24, the Andover Middle School Cross Country team wrapped up its season at the 42nd Middle School State Championships in Londonderry. The meet featured 10 races with 3,000 runners from all over the state. The meet is a celebration of the efforts of all the athletes going back to summer runs on their own and through the season with their teammates.

The 10 races give every member of every team a chance to compete. There are races for boys and girls in grades six, seven, and eight for runners outside the team's top seven runners. At the end of the day, there are Small School and Large School championship races for the top seven runners on each team.

Andover competes in the Small School Division, and we had complete teams in both boys and girls races for the first time ever.

Andover didn't have any runners for the seventh and eighth grade races this year, so Fenn Davis got the day off to a strong start in the sixth grade boys race with a solid run.

Immediately following Fenn's run was the Small School Championship for the girls. The Andover team consisted of Sophia Reynolds, Brynne Makechnie, Sasha Mackenzie, Morganne Budgett, Maura Kelly, Lily Menard, and Alex Plant.

The Girls Race

The girls toed the line in a field of 216. At the gun they were off on a long sprint to the trails and two loops of the course. As the runners emerged from woods the first time, Sophia was running in a large group of 12 girls chasing the defending champion, who had a 20 second lead. About 40 seconds later, Brynne, Morgan, Sasha, and Lily passed by, running well together in the middle of the pack. They were followed closely by Maura and Alex.

On the second lap, the leader from Northwood increased her lead and went

on to repeat as individual champion. Sophia had moved to the front of the group battling for second and took control as they entered the final stretch to claim second place.

Everyone ran a great race on the challenging Londonderry course. Brynne improved her season's best by 12 seconds. Sasha improved by almost two minutes, Morganne improved by one minute, Maura was better by 2:10, and Lily ran the whole way and improved by two minutes. Alex was solid, improving by 40 seconds.

Sophia had the surprise performance of the day at the meet, putting Andover on the New Hampshire Cross Country map and winning the first ever All State Top Ten plaque for Andover.

The girls finished 22nd of 29 teams and got their first state ranking.

The Boys Race

The boys were up next. The team consisted of Cyrus King, Jesse Niemeyer, Jeremy Johnson, Elliot Norris, Lagan Salathe, and Caleb Warzocha.

The boys toed the line in a field of 242. The boys got off well at the gun and ran well together in the front third of the race. The boys were led by Cyrus, who ran a season's best by 30 seconds, finishing in 77th overall. Jesse was next, in a solid run that matched his best for the year. Jeremy ran 45 seconds better for the year, in third for the team.

Elliot improved his best by a minute and a half, followed by Lagan who ran a minute better than any other time this year. Caleb was the final Andover finisher and improved his best time of the year by five seconds to round out the Andover scoring.

The boys finished 31st of 34 teams and got their first state ranking.

The State meet was the end of a great season for the Andover Cross Country team. The team worked hard all year, and it showed. It's a rare occurrence when everyone runs their best race of the year on the same day, but this team did it. They should be extremely proud of themselves.



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Andover Lions Host Annual Middle School Basketball Tournament

Four schools face off December 28 and 29

Press release

The Andover Lions Club will be holding its fifth annual Middle School Basketball Tournament at Proctor Academy on Monday and Tuesday, December 28 and 29. We invite all residents to come and cheer for the young future athletes from their town. Admission is only \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors and students.

The schedule of games is:

- December 28 Afternoon**
 2: Girls; Newport vs Kearsarge
 3:15: Girls; Andover vs Mount Royal Academy
 4:30: Boys; Newport vs Mount Royal Academy
 5:45: Boys; Andover vs Kearsarge
- December 29 Afternoon**
 2: Non-winners of girls games
 3:15: Non-winners of boys games
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 5:45: Boys championship game 

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Join the Revolution: Be a Holiday Exercise Streaker!

AE/MS strives for a mile a day

Amy Makechnie, for the Beacon

This year, in addition to the holiday parties, presents, and eggnog, why not treat your body right and get a little exercise? Join AE/MS as they participate in the second annual Holiday Exercise Streaking Revolution!

It's simple: starting on Thanksgiving Day, exercise for the equivalent of a one-mile run every day until New Year's Day. That's 37 consecutive days of moving one mile.

Alternatives to running include walking, swimming, biking, hiking, or roller skating – but be creative! December might reward you with many one-mile shoveling opportunities – the point is to move.

Here are some helpful hints:

- Recruit support. Holiday exercise is much more fun with family and friends. You can also join our Facebook group at [Facebook.com/HolidayFitStreakers](https://www.facebook.com/HolidayFitStreakers) for daily quotes and motivation.

- Complete your mile early in the day. Not only will you feel better, but the sun goes down early at this time of year in New England!

- Keep track of your progress. Using your daily calendar, simply check off every day that you complete one mile. The goal is to have 37 consecutive check marks. The reward? Great satisfaction!

- Miss a day? No worries: start again the next day. If you'd like a special green AE/MS calendar page to tape on the fridge, I'm sure they would oblige.

Good luck, Andover Holiday Streakers. What a great way to start 2016! 

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excel. His freshman year he qualified for the Division II state meet, where he qualified to advance to the Meet of Champions, the only freshman hurdler in the state to qualify. He earned Rookie of the Year honors for his team that year.

In his sophomore year he continued to excel, collecting medals and awards at several meets and invitationals. He qualified again for both the Division II state meet and the Meet of Champions. His results at those meets earned him an invitation to the inaugural Granite State Games, where he took the gold medal and set records in the 110m and the 300m hurdles. He received a bronze medal in the 4x100. He received the Coaches Award for his team that year.

Currently in his junior year, he is considered one of the top hurdlers in the

state and has his sights set on breaking the state record before he graduates.

Now, the reason for the collection buckets: Brandon has received an invitation to represent his community, his state, and the United States in the 2016 Down Under Games in Australia. He is one of only 33 track and field athletes from the Eastern Conference to receive an invitation.

He is excited to have this opportunity to represent his community and is asking for some help. The trip is expensive; he needs to raise about \$6,000, and the trip will not be possible without these funds. If you would like more information, please contact Jason or Heather Wood at MVPrideCoach@gmail.com or dekteig18@gmail.com. If you would like to make a direct donation, please visit DownUnderSports.com/payment?160417. He really needs your help! 

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Brandon Wood tried hurdling on a whim at AE/MS; now he's a junior at MVHS and one of the top hurdlers in the state. He's been invited to represent the US at the 2016 Down Under Games in Australia, but he needs the community's help to get there. Look for the donation buckets at Jake's and Pizza Chef.

Brandon Wood Becomes a Top Hurdler

Needs help to represent US "Down Under"

Jason Wood, for the Beacon

By now you have probably seen one of these buckets at the hottest hangouts in Andover: Jake's Market and Pizza Chef. Some of you have been generous in making donations, and some may have looked at the buckets and wondered what they are for. Well, let me tell you a story.

Brandon Wood is a multi-sport athlete and currently a junior at Merrimack Valley High School. He is also an AE/MS alumnus, class of 2013. While at AE/MS he decided to run track in his

seventh and eighth grade years to stay in shape for football.

Brandon found he was pretty good at his new sport. He qualified for the state meet in every event he tried. In eighth grade at the last meet of the season, he decided to try hurdles. When asked "Why?" he simply said, "Why not?" He took first place in the event and qualified to run hurdles in the state meet.

At the state meet, he took first place in hurdles and set the AE/MS school record, despite it being only the second time he had ever run in the event.

Now in high school, he continues to

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Proctor's Ocean Classroom participants have completed the nine-week run to St. Croix on the schooner Roseway.

Proctor's Ocean Classroom Sailors are Back

Nine weeks at sea on a schooner

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Andover's Carl Hubbard '17, Cope Makechine '17, and Taylor Methven '16 returned home on November 21 after spending nine weeks aboard the Schooner *Roseway* as part of Proctor Academy's Ocean Classroom program. Each had a transformative experience aboard the *Roseway* and is eager to share their reflections on their journey.

For now, enjoy Carl's journal entry below from Day 47: Friday, November 6. "Today I went snorkeling, an experience unlike any I've had. I started into the warm waters of Cane Bay with my flippers, snorkel, and mask. I fumbled with my flippers, put on and tightened my mask, and I was off swimming about in the shallows.

"After everyone was ready, we headed off to the buoy where one of the reef restoration project sites were. The first 100 meters or so were no more than four feet deep, and there were many black sea urchins we were warned about. Because of this, we couldn't rest

and let our feet sink to tread water.

"At this point, I was very much still getting acclimated to my snorkel gear. My mask wasn't sealed entirely, my breathing device was positioned poorly, and at that point I wasn't so sure about snorkeling.

"I took a quick second on the life ring that Matt was towing and situated myself, then resumed swimming. At this point, I was beyond the point of freaking out. My breathing had stabilized, and I was ready to go.

"The sea floor had dropped off and it was now 10 to 15 feet deep. There were small fish all about the sea floor; it was incredible.

"Shortly, we were at the coral reef restoration site, able to see the branching corals growing from PVC piping. I watched others dive down but didn't decide to dive down myself.

"After looking at the smaller coral beds, we proceeded to the larger coral trees. We were instructed how to dive deep without hurting our ears. I then dove down, held my nose, and blew out the pressure built up in my ears. I was able to keep swimming down without

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AE/MS first grader Tony Mori works on his Zentangle for the day. Each day, the first graders spend a little time concentrating on patterns and designs. This activity also develops and strengthens fine motor skills. Mr. Wiley has been creating Zentangles for many years. The students look forward to admiring the finished projects at the end of the week.

Caption and photo: Jen Bent



AE/MS students Dillan Reed, Chase Keyser (back), and Ronan Walsh (front) all played on the Merrimack Valley Middle School varsity team in the Granite State Football League this year. At the end of the season, Chase and Ronan were each selected for the league's "First Team" honor as the top two players of the MVMS team. This season, Ronan scored 22 touchdowns, including three receiving and two passing touchdowns in a single game. Chase had 10 touchdown passes and two rushing touchdowns for the season. Dillan also scored multiple times and had a fumble recovery. Photo: Becky Walsh

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my ears hurting.

"I got a good look at the corals that were growing and the fish around them. We hung around the reefs and dove about investigating the various fish and life on the bottom. We thoroughly investigated the reef trees and decided to head back towards shore.

"I dove down a few more times on the way back, and as I was swimming along I saw a sea turtle! I followed it around for a few minutes, investigating the pattern of it, and quickly realized I'd meandered far away from the group.

"I made my way back to the shallower water, enjoying the small fish and various critters as I went. What a magical experience!"

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MVHS freshman and AE/MS graduate Hayden Buswell brought his donkey Gunner to a soccer game at Blackwater Park in October. AE/MS first grade teacher Mrs. Bent spoke to Hayden about his unique pet and told him that he should write a children's story starring Gunner.

Well, he did it!

At the beginning of November, Hayden surprised the AE/MS first graders with a children's book he had written entitled *Gunner the Donkey*. The story fascinated the first grade students and was full of beautiful photographs of the donkey.

At the end of the book, Gunner says, "Come outside and tell me how Hayden did." When the students walked out of the front door, there was Gunner! In this photo, Hayden and Gunner meet Talia Hardie.

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Gobble! Gobble! Gobble! Parent volunteers Meghan Barton and Lindsey Allenby worked with the first graders to create turkey headbands and costumes to wear on Grandparents Thanksgiving. Here is a picture of a few of our newly feathered friends. Front: Jacob Hersey and Chance Thibault. Middle: Gregory Howard, Paige Orcutt, Jayden Dashnaw, Aly Wheeler, and Adalyn Boucher. Back: Camden Allenby, Linden Morgan, Wyatt Barton, Lily Luicha, Victoria Koron, and Antonio Mori. Caption and photo: Jen Bent

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The AE/MS Band students took a field trip to the University of New Hampshire's "Band Extravaganza" in Durham. The students watched performances by the UNH Wind Symphony and the Wildcat Marching Band. This field trip allowed these young instrumentalists the opportunity to watch and hear where continuing in music can take them. Before coming back to AE/MS, we took a walk around the UNH campus and stopped in the library.

Back: Dominick McCord, Camryn Perkins. Next row: Arienna Perry, Brittney Thoroughgood, Liberty Spaulding, Kalee Keyser, Moriah Sorois, Norah Carlson, Delaney Young, Eliza Henderson-McDonald, Emily Hackmann. Next row: Breanna Fredette, Emily Abrahamson, Colby Jones, Ani McIntyre, Helen Armstrong, Logan Smith, Enrico Mori. Front: Dana Buswell, Anthony Hammond, Wyatt King, Ashley Neuberger, Oliver Andrews, Jason Koziol, Chloe Colby. Caption: Brittney Fournier. Photo: Amanda Lauster



Seven former AE/MS students played Proctor's boys varsity soccer this fall: Luke Weber '18, Keith Davis '16, Finn Weber '18, Max Barrett '16, Will Cox '16, Reilly Walsh '17, and Riley Anderson '16. Photo: Becky Walsh



On November 10, AE/MS students shared their appreciation with local veterans. Students shared in a variety of formats, but all were focused on the gratitude students feel for the veterans. Students shared creative slide shows, beautiful art work, cards, and music. The Eagle Cafe was open after the assembly. There, veterans and their families were able to sit and chat with each other while eighth grade students served coffee, cider, and baked goods. Subway of New London provided all the veterans with coupons for two free sandwiches in November. It was a very special morning and one of the most favorite days of the year at AE/MS.

After the program, veterans gathered for the annual group photo. Front: Bob Miller, Gene Poulin, James Delaney Jr, Michael Haley, Bill Leber, Lloyd Perreault, Donald Clendenen, Michael Elliott, John Noonan. Second row: HM2 Britney Bakel, Kent Hackmann, Leighton Terwilliger, James Reed, James Delaney Sr, Cliff August, Steven Darling, Robert Pratte, George Kidder, Howard George, Dan Mori, Jay Hubbard, Percy Hill. Third row: DCC Levi Southworth, GM2 Joshua Williams, LS3 Stephanie Brouillette, PS2 Chamron Kim, Richard Brewster, Peter Zak, Thomas Guptill, Don Varnum, Ann Chabot, Joe Kenney, Richard Powers, Frank Anderson. Back: David Hewitt, PS2 Jose Fernandez, Robert Currier, Dennis Fenton, Chris Norris, Ron Evans, George West, Skip Powers, another unidentified person, Jim Emerson. Caption: Jane Slayton. Photo: Charlie Darling