



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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