



A view of the solar panels on the Teddy Maloney Ice Rink, with the ski area in the far distance. With five "Power Purchase Agreement" installations completed at no cost to the school, Proctor is now generating nearly 400 MWh annually, offsetting about 25% of its electric use.

## ReVision Energy Installs \$1M of Solar Arrays at No Cost

Proctor generates 25% of its own electricity

### Press release

A series of six solar arrays on the campus of Proctor Academy represents one of the largest solar projects of its kind at a New England school. The 334-kilowatt project at the co-educational boarding and day school in Andover is valued at \$1.1 million. Just in time for winter, the most recent installation was commissioned earlier this month at the school's privately owned and operated ski area.

The sun provides power for music recording artists, dancers, actors, boat builders, and hockey players at the school, in addition to a campus child-care facility and a ski area. Including the campus and the town in general, Andover has one of the state's highest per capita rates of solar power market penetration among its approximately 2,500 residents.

All of the projects were installed by ReVision Energy at no upfront cost to Proctor through a series of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). A PPA allows schools, non-profits, and municipalities to buy "green" solar power from an investor at a lower cost than "brown" electricity from the utility grid. Proctor has a future option to purchase the arrays at a substantial discount.

Jack Ruderman, Director of Community Solar Initiatives at ReVision Energy, says the company is actively seeking interested organizations to form future partnerships. "The PPA is a powerful and innovative tool that allows towns, schools, and non-profit organizations to install state-of-the-art renewable energy systems at no upfront cost that will generate clean energy and produce cost savings for decades and decades."

ReVision owns the rooftop array at the Wilkins Meeting House, the first in-

stallation which was completed in 2012. IGS Energy owns the other five installations, which were completed this year.

The first five projects are rooftop mounts, while the most recent project is a 107-kilowatt ground mount at the Proctor Ski Area. The 352-panel array spans 300 feet across and will power snowmaking operations as well as the general campus.

The six arrays will generate approximately 389,508 kilowatt hours of solar power each year and will offset approximately 25% of the school's electric load. On an annual basis, the switch to solar power at the school is equivalent to avoiding carbon dioxide emissions from 625 barrels of oil. Alternative energy supplies 100% of the school's electric load, since the institution has elected to pay a premium to ensure that all electricity purchased by Proctor originates from renewable energy sources.

Proctor Academy is in the middle of a \$30 million fundraising campaign. As facilities are upgraded and new construction takes place in the future, the school plans to continue integrating solar technologies and other renewable initiatives on campus.

One of its goals, as stated in its Environmental Mission, is to achieve a carbon-neutral campus. To that end, Proctor already has instituted several measures. The school installed geothermal heating and cooling and a woodchip-fed biomass heating plant, which provides the majority of heat and hot water needed on campus. High-efficiency snow guns and light fixtures are in place, as are non-toxic cleaning products and recycling efforts. The school also sources local and organic food and manages its own 2,500-acre woodlot where students cut, split, stack, and eventually heat their dorms with the wood.

Student Hal Ford, a senior at Proctor. See ReVision on page 32

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Club Endowment Fund, PO Box 1838, New London NH 03257.

**JOSEPHINE (GRIFFIN) CONNORS WOOD**, 94, died on January 14, 2016 at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen.

She was born in Medford, Massachusetts on February 24, 1921, the daughter of Joseph and Marion (West) Griffin. She lived in Billerica, Massachusetts and worked at the Massachusetts Golf Association in Boston before moving to North Sutton, where she and her first husband owned and operated the Follansbee Inn from 1965 to 1978.

They moved to East Andover in 1978, and she worked at the New London Hospital as a cashier in the business office for over 25 years. From 1994 to 2012, she lived in North Carolina, moving to the Peabody Home in Franklin in 2012 and then to the Merrimack County Nursing Home in 2015.

Josephine was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in Potter Place. She enjoyed the ocean, knitting, crocheting, crossword puzzles, reading, and jigsaw puzzles.

She is predeceased by her first husband, Lester Connors, who died in 1982; by her husband, Curtis Wood, who died in 2005; and by two siblings, Edward Griffin and Marion MacKinnon.

She is survived by a son and his wife, Lester J. and Rachael Connors of Somersworth; three daughters: Joanne Connors and her partner Sue Jordan of Northfield, Kathryn and her husband Howard Hazen of Franklin, and Patricia Connors and her fiancé Jeffrey Newcomb of East Andover; a stepson and his wife, Richard and Sandra Wood of Bethlehem, Connecticut; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; a brother, James Griffin of Medford, Massachusetts; and many nieces and nephews.



A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 19 at Immaculate Conception Church in Potter Place. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, East Andover, in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 360 Route 101, Bedford NH 03110 or Alzheimer's Association, 166 South River Road Suite 210, Bedford NH 03110.

**WENONA MICHELLE HARDING LOVELESS**, 56, of 19 Last Road in Andover, died on January 16, 2016 at home. She was born on January 31, 1959 in New London, daughter of the late Wayne G. Harding and Nancy S. von Dreden.

"Wendy" was a life-long resident of Andover and graduated from Proctor Academy in 1976. She worked as a child care provider in her home for several years and for the hot lunch program at Andover Elementary/Middle School, leaving to start her own cleaning business serving several homeowners in the local area before she retired.

She was an accomplished horsewoman from the age of 11, at one time owned five horses with her father, and rode many times on her Palomino "Taffy Candy" in the Andover Fourth of July parade. Her love of animals was evident by her horses, many cats and dogs over the years, and a great fondness for her "grand-dogs."

Wendy was predeceased by her parents and a brother, Shelburne Niles Harding. She is survived by a daughter, Shayne M. Gray and her husband Jonathan of Franklin; a son, Nathanael W. Loveless of Derry; a sister, Sandra N. Harding and nephew Courtney J. Harding-Smith, both of Derry; and several cousins. She also leaves her soul mate and significant other, David Reep, with whom she lived.

A graveside memorial and burial in the Harding plot at Proctor Cemetery in Andover will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Andover EMS, PO Box 61, Andover NH 03216.





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