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We need to raise \$3,278 from 46 local donors by May 31 just to match where we were last year at that time. If we don't, we could wind up 39% behind last year – a dangerous position for the Beacon to be in!

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Make Plans to Help with Town Clean-Up Week

No sign-ups, just get out there!

Mary Anne Broshek
Conservation Commission

The seventh annual Town Clean-Up Week will begin on Sunday, May 1. This event is a joint effort by the Andover Conservation Commission and the Town of Andover.

Andover residents are encouraged to adopt a road or roads to clean up during the first week of May (or until the end of the month, if more time is needed).

Once again, participants can pick up blue trash bags at the Town Hall entry way beginning on Friday, April 29, or at the Transfer Station beginning on Saturday, April 30. When full, the bags can be brought to the Transfer Station or left by the side of the road. Bags left on the side of the road will be picked up and brought to the Transfer Station by Road Agent John Thompson and his crew at no cost to the Town.

Please try to recycle as much as possible! We hope that you will join this clean-up effort.



Tulips, daffodils, and cleaning the culverts – it must be spring! The Road Agent's crew is hard at work getting Town roads ready for summer. In this photo, Tiggy Thompson (in the mini-excavator) and Drew LaBonte open up the blocked culvert at the Andover Fish and Game Club on Channel Road in East Andover. Photo: Charlie Darling

Road Agent Planning a Busy Summer of Maintenance Projects

Choosing carefully to control costs

Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

Road Agent John "Tiny" Thompson is planning a busy summer season maintaining and improving Andover's roads. Plus, he has a couple of projects moving forward that will help him keep costs under control and maximize what he can accomplish within the maintenance budget that Town Meeting gives him.

Four Road Projects

Monticello Drive: The plan is to grind up about 4,000 feet of the existing asphalt to create a base for the new

road; address some drainage issues and re-grade the base; then lay two layers of asphalt to finish the new road.

Old College Road: From Route 11 pretty much to the top of the hill (about 2,500 feet), the edges of Old College Road are crumbling, and the damage is working its way further and further into the roadway. In addition, the drainage needs to be fixed in some spots.

The plan for this summer (after fixing the drainage issues) calls for "shimming": laying about an inch-thick layer of hot tar – a bit thicker along the sides of the road, a bit thinner up the middle

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Officer David Hewitt of the Andover Police Department helped a large snapping turtle cross Route 11 in Cilleyville on Saturday, April 16. He stopped traffic for her to cross from the Blackwater River to the swampy area across the highway, which she did in a steady, determined manner.

Photo and caption: Lindy Heim

THE SWAP SHOP

REUSABLE ITEMS IN WORKING CONDITION

PLEASE NO UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE, TIRES, WINDOWS, DOORS, ELECTRONICS, or PORCELAIN FIXTURES!

FIRST ONE OF THE SEASON!

The Swap Shop will be open on Saturday, May 14 from 8 AM to noon and welcomes (before noon) reusable items in working condition like toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and kitchenware. Please, **no** upholstered furniture, tires, windows, doors, electronics, or porcelain fixtures.

Paid Part-Time Position at the Beacon Still Unfilled

Search may have to broaden beyond Andover

Charlie Darling, Beacon staff

In the October issue, the Board of Directors of Community Publishing of Andover, Inc. – the 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity that publishes The Andover Beacon – announced that I'd be retiring. Six months later, we've split my full-time job into three part-time jobs

and filled two of the three positions.

Steve Foley and Shelley Geoghegan are each doing a great job as Production Manager and Bookkeeper, respectively. My role has been reduced to a half-time job as Publisher/Editor, leading the team and managing the flow of articles and photos.

An Andover Resident at the Helm?

Now I need to find the right per-

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The Conservation Commission Wants You to Get Outside This Spring!

Events in Andover and more

Mary Anne Broshek

Andover Conservation Commission

It's spring at last and time to think about warm weather activities. Here are some ideas for getting outside.

Take a Hike: On Saturday, May 21, from 1 to 3 PM, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust is sponsoring a hike in Andover at the Old College Road Preserve. The hike will be led by Andy Deegan and is called "Spring Awakening." Meet at the preserve sign on Agony Hill Road.

On February 10, the Andover Trails group held a meeting and provided information on trails located at Proctor, the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway, the Northern Rail Trail, and on Andover's Class 6 roads. The group plans to create maps of the trails so everyone can locate and enjoy them.

Attend Events: The Conservation Commission will host a plant sale on Saturday, May 7 and have workshops on rain gardens, planting for pollinators, and worm composting.

If you have suggestions for workshops or events that you would like to see, please contact Mary Anne Broshek at MABandSadie@gmail.com or 648-2539.

Start a Garden: The UNH Cooperative Extension Service has lots of information and workshops on all aspects of gardening and animal care including soil tests, insect identification, and diagnosing plant diseases. Visit Extension. UNH.edu/Agriculture.

The Co-Op has also put out a tip sheet on how to turn everyday recyclables into garden tools. An example is turning milk jugs into watering cans. The tips are posted in the Andover Town Hall and at Tinyurl.com/gtldp1g.

Enjoy Our State Parks: Visit NHStateParks.org to find out where our state parks are located and what activities they provide.

Did you know that our state parks receive no state funds for their upkeep? You can help preserve our state parks by purchasing a State Park License Plate. The annual fee (in addition to normal registration fees) is \$85, plus a one-time fee of \$8 for a new plate.

The new registration option gives you the opportunity to support state parks while keeping your current plate or Moose plate. You'll receive free entry for your car and passengers into most New Hampshire State Parks' day-use areas for one year. The proceeds will be used for operation and maintenance of New Hampshire State Parks. Contact the Andover Town Clerk to sign up. 

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of the road. The shimming will restore the road's proper level and crown, repair the crumbling edges, and tie the whole road surface together. The shim layer will then get a wear coat of hot oil and either pea stone or sand.

Shaw Hill Road: The plan is for drainage work on this steep road, moving the water more efficiently to keep it from damaging the road and making travel hazardous.

Plains Road: This road was rebuilt within recent memory, so why is it on the list this year? "It's a good road now," Tiny says, "but if we ignore it, we'll wind up having to rebuild it again sooner rather than later." With some shimming and some patching this year and a fresh wear course next year, Plains Road can stay on Andover's list of good roads for years to come.

Two Projects to Control Costs

Town Meeting in March approved a plan to convert the Fire Department's surplus L8000 truck to a Town-owned dump truck with plow and sander. Tiny's goal is to have that project finished by the end of the summer. His team "only" has to:

- Shorten the frame
- Move the rear axle forward on the frame
- Remove the Fire Department's pump unit
- Replace the drive shaft
- Install all the hydraulics for the plow and the wing
- Install a dump body

The end result should be a Town asset that will help control road maintenance costs all year 'round. "It means the Town won't be paying Thompson Excavating or other local contractors \$65 or \$85 per hour for a truck and an operator. The Town can run its own truck for maybe \$20 an hour, and as a taxpayer myself, that makes me happy."

The other summer project is a familiar, tried-and-true approach to controlling road maintenance costs: crushing our own gravel at the Transfer Station. The Town will lease rock crushing equipment this summer and the Road Agent's crew will crush and stockpile about 4,000 cubic yards of material – enough for about two years of road projects around town, and at a cost much less than buying the material and paying to have it trucked to Andover. 

Publisher from page 1

son to fill the half-time paid position of Publisher/Editor before I can retire. I've been trying for months to find an Andover resident who would be a good fit, but if I don't succeed in a few weeks, I'll have to broaden the search into other communities.

For the right person, this is a dream job. It offers flexibility in which hours you work, and almost everything can be done on your computer from home. It's also a chance to work with many people in the community on projects – the Beacon, the Town Report, the Fourth of July program, etc. – that are very important to the community.

The job requires someone who is:

- comfortable working with people from different backgrounds, with different agendas and different levels of expertise

• comfortable with computers and technology being at the center of each project

• willing to embrace the process, procedures, and deadlines that allow our team to produce an extraordinary volume of high-quality work for an organization of our size

I very much want to see an Andover resident leading the Beacon. Whether you've lived here for a few weeks or for many generations, please consider talking with me further about this important paid, part-time position. The full job description is at AndoverBeacon.com/Pub-Ed.

For me, working at the Beacon has been a life-changing experience, full of exciting challenges, personal growth, and deep satisfaction. If you'd like to see whether it could be the same for you, let's talk! Please contact me right away at Charlie@AndoverBeacon.com. 



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Ben and Cindy Seaver Head for Oregon

AFD and EMS will miss Ben's support

John Kinney, Andover EMS

Ben Seaver has hitched his trailer full of household necessities and has begun his trek to Oregon. As Andover Fire Department and Andover EMS wish Ben and his wife Cindy success in their new life out west, we wanted to share some thoughts with our community.

Ben Seaver gave much of himself to Andover's fire and EMS departments. It's not just the countless hours fighting fires, cleaning up the trucks and hoses afterwards, and responding to medical emergencies at any time during the day or night. It was also his sometimes relentless adherence (and we mean that favorably) to department protocols, as well as his never-ending support of our community, for which we will always be grateful.

We sincerely wish all the best for Ben and Cindy, and it's from our hearts that we say "Thank you!" for everything you've given us.



Selling Christmas trees at the East Andover Fire Department was just one of the many things that Ben Seaver threw himself into in support of the Andover Fire Department, Andover EMS, and the community.

Photo: Meghan Barton



On April 4, Pat Cutter (left) of the Andover Historical Society presented a hooked rug featuring iconic Andover landmarks to Vicky Mishcon of the Andover Board of Selectmen as selectmen Jim Delaney and others looked on. The rug was designed and crafted by Julie Mayo, Marge Leber, Sandra Graves, Grace Stetson, and Pat Cutter based on a collection of line drawings of Andover scenes by Sheldon Rich.

Townpeople donated nearly \$1,200 to the Andover Historical Society in order for the rug not to be raffled as a fundraiser but instead to be donated to the Town of Andover and hung in the Town Hall for all to enjoy. The Society is having greeting cards created from a high-quality photograph of the rug; the cards will be on sale on the Village Green on the Fourth of July. Photo: Charlie Darling

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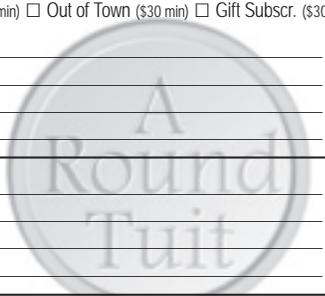
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Andover Real Estate Transactions, March and April 2016

March 16 through April 15, 2016

On March 18, FANNIE MAE sold 822 Franklin Highway to Henderson Properties for \$40,000. Michael Gagne of the Bean Group assisted the seller; Marsha Foden of Central Gold Key Realty assisted the buyer. The 2,152-square-foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 1 acre.

On March 28, Shirley Rich sold 16 Princess Drive to William and Joanne Black for \$75,000. John Kinney of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller; Brian Allen of Keller Williams Realty - Metropolitan assisted the buyer. The 1,704-square-foot house has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 0.65 acres.

On March 31, Harold Heselton sold 1.1 acres of land at Route 4A and Campground Road to Jon Warzocha and Jennifer Fish for \$5,750. Elliot Hansen of Elliot Hansen Associates assisted the seller and the buyer.

On April 5, Gordon and Christine Parker sold 59 Switch Road to Stuart and Elaine Clark for \$221,000. Deane

Geddes of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller; Susie Moore of Coldwell Banker Milestone Real Estate assisted the buyer. The 1,596-square-foot house has 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths and sits on 1 acre.

On April 8, Julia Rector and Barbara Lynch sold 332 Main Street to Shelly Nemirovsky for \$379,900. Stacey Viandier and John Kinney of Country Houses Real Estate assisted the seller; Heather McAfee of the Bean Group assisted the buyer. The 3,400-square-foot house has 5 bedrooms and 2 baths and sits on 58.5 acres.

Andover Inventory

There are currently 15 residential properties on the market, plus 10 residential properties under contract for sale.

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

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

Data from NNEREN.com/sold-properties and MerrimackCountyDeedsNH.com for 3/16/2016 through 4/15/2016.

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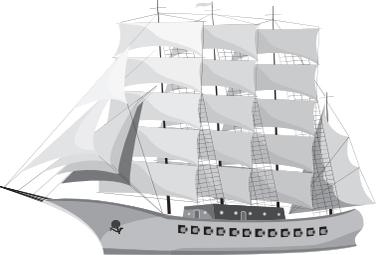
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Trustees Ask for More Awareness of Cemetery Rules

Goal is to keep the grounds well trimmed

Andover Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees feel it necessary to remind everyone prior to Memorial Day of the published rules governing what can and cannot be done in our cemeteries. It is very possible that citizens are not aware of the rules, and we ask that you read this article and respect what we ask of you in regard to decorations on your cemetery lot.

We try to allow personal wishes, but they have to be tempered with the necessities of proper maintenance.

Of most importance is the placement of real or artificial flowers. The rule is: "Planting of flowers is only permitted around the base of the monument. Artificial decorations must be placed in a container. No fences are allowed. Memorabilia placed on a lot that impedes the mowing may be removed by the Trustees."

Problems occur when artificial flowers are just placed in the ground surrounding the monument. Clearing around the monuments with a string trimmer is a routine part of the weekly

mowing schedule. This cannot be done properly when impeded by the wire stems of artificial flowers; grass grows up, and the lot becomes unsightly.

If the flowers are placed in a container, the trimming can be accomplished. Containers should not be glass or ceramic, as those will freeze and break during the winter.

In some instances, personal mementoes of the deceased are placed around the monument or on the lot. We try to be as flexible as possible in allowing this practice, but please remember that these items do not last forever, and over time they will deteriorate. New to our cemeteries are solar powered garden lights. Please place them as close to the monument as possible; as with the artificial flowers, they are a deterrent to proper mowing.

The Trustees are loath to exercise their right to remove offending decor and only do a Spring cleanup of tired and seasonal items. We feel that individuals should have a reasonable right to express their grief and honor those who have left us behind. If all of us honor the rules, there will be no problems.



Mario Ratzki Reports from Concord, May 2016

Mario Ratzki, NH Representative

There was a strange cry of relief in the woods behind my barn the other night, and I guessed it came from a New Hampshire bobcat.

After a marathon session in early April, the pace in the New Hampshire House slowed on March 23, when we voted on the last of the House bills before referring them to the Senate.

HB 280, allowing new license plate options for veterans, came out of committee with a kill recommendation, but that recommendation was overturned on the floor by a 103 to 249 vote and passed on a voice vote.

HB 626, requiring the Department of Transportation to designate energy infrastructure corridors (think buried lines along the highways), passed on a voice vote.

HB 1531, allowing the State House to be open on weekends, passed on a voice vote.

HB 602, relative to the use of drones, came out of committee with an 8 to 7 vote to kill the bill, but that recommendation was overturned on the floor by an Ought To Pass vote of 250 to 114. The winning side was opposed to the weaponization of drones and the use of drones to fire tear gas at demonstrators. This bill may run afoul of federal law on drones which is now being crafted in Washington.

HB 1681 removes the penalty for having a residual/non-usable amount of drug in a syringe and passed on a 272 to 86 vote.

Education committee bills proved to be the most contentious this session.

HB 1120, requiring all charter school teachers to be certified like public school teachers, failed on a 267 to 96 vote.

HB 1229, prohibiting a statewide assessment result from being included in a transcript without parents' consent (if the student is under 18 years old),

passed on a 227 to 138 vote.

HB 1338, allowing parents to remove their children from having to take a statewide student assessment test, passed on a partisan vote of 204 to 151.

HB 1153, an important bill prohibiting a municipality from restricting a sex offender's residency, passed on a 264 to 92 vote. Forbidding sex offenders from returning to their hometown, where their family can help them reintegrate into society, was seen as counterproductive. Another concern was that they would simply go underground and be impossible to track. This was a bill supported by law enforcement.

HB 1610, legalizing the possession and cultivation of marijuana in small quantities, was tabled on a vote of 229 to 119. This bill and SB 498, dealing with the same issue, may come back in conference committee.

HB 1661, prohibiting conversion therapy for persons under 18, passed on a 229 to 99 vote.

An April 6 session was mercifully quick, dealing with the first of the Senate bills.

SB 453 passed in the consent calendar and would require individuals engaged in child care to submit to a criminal background check.

SB 441, repealing seniors' free and discounted access to state parks and state ski areas, passed on a vote of 171 to 158. I am proud to say I voted against it.

HB 1116, raising the net metering cap from 50 megawatts to 100 for a 10-month period, had already passed the House and has now passed the Senate. SB 378, dealing with the same issue, but on a longer-term basis, must be reconciled between the Senate and the House, something a ranking member of Science and Technology told me should take place soon.

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



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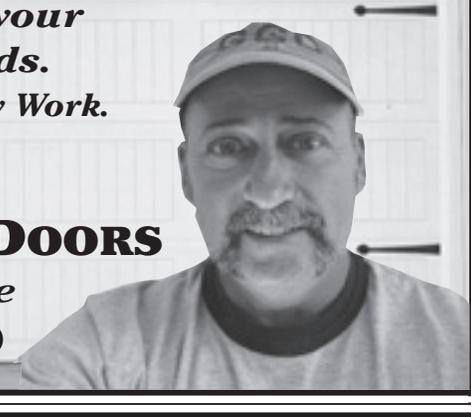


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Forest Fire Season Arrives with the Dry Spring Days

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Rene Lefebvre, AFD Chief

There is a certain scent in the air during a dry spring day. A bit difficult to describe, but it's there. The back of your neck has a small itch, and your mind is on the dead grass in the fields and the tinder that has been gathering in the woods all winter.

The Forest Fire Service has posted a Class Four red-flag day. You go to the fire station to check your equipment one more time and find several of your colleagues doing the same thing.

The fire towers are manned and checking for any trouble spots. Today is going to be a challenging day, and you know it. Welcome to New Hampshire and the beginning of forest fire season.

For some, it's the beginning of salmon fishing season or the first day of baseball that marks the wonder of spring. For a firefighter, it is brush fire season.

Perhaps you're thinking that we all must be a little soft in the head; you may be right. The awesome challenge of an out-of-control woods fire fought with a 40-pound can of water on your back and hand tools that have changed little in over 100 years is not for the faint of heart.

Likely, most sensible people would tend to keep a fair distance from a

woods fire, and an even greater distance from the firemen who appear to be having a bit of fun. For a firefighter to be in such company is a draw that is impossible to explain.

Wildland firefighting is actually very serious work. The training, tools, and logistics are specialized and very different from structural firefighting.

There is no question that most firefighters are keenly aware of weather conditions and monitor the fire towers to maintain situational awareness. We do not look forward to the dangers of wildland fires, nor do we shy away from them. Our task is to protect each other and the community we serve.

Most fires are caused by careless disposal of smoking materials, recreational vehicles, or in rare cases, arson. During dry weather we ask that everyone be more aware of the dangers of even a small outside fire. A gust of wind will fan a campfire out of control in less than a minute.

We, your firefighters, are very grateful for your support in purchasing a new forest fire truck. This truck is capable of carrying several firefighters into the woods with pumps, water, and the tools needed to safely fight wildland fires.

We currently are in a very dry spell, with little rain predicated for more than a week. Wait, can you smell that scent? My neck is starting to itch.... 

Andover Fire Department to Sell Surplus Equipment

Sealed bids due by May 9 at 7 PM

Andy Guptill, AFD

The Andover Fire District #1, as a result of a majority vote at the 2016 annual District Meeting, is accepting sealed bids for the following items:

Item #1: 1968 Gorman-Rupp 2 1/2" water pump Model #6201FF with Briggs and Stratton Model 23AEB motor.

Item #2: Gorman-Rupp 2 1/2" water pump Model #6201G with Briggs and Stratton 23FB motor.

Item #3: 4 Lengths of various suction hose.

Item #4: 3 Lengths of 2 1/2" discharge hose.

Item #5: 2 Motorola mobile radio speakers with assorted wiring.

Item #6: 1 Double keyed deadbolt lock set.

Item #7: 1 Wool blanket

Items may be viewed on Monday evenings at 7 PM at the Andover Fire Station or by appointment by contacting Commissioner Andy Guptill at 290-8624. Attempts to run equipment

will not be allowed.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Surplus Equipment" on the front, to Andover Fire District 1, PO Box 252, Andover NH 03216, or delivered marked as noted and sealed in hand, and received no later than 7 PM on Monday, May 9.

All bids must give the item # and the bid amount for each item bid on. If bidding on multiple items, the same form may be used, however each item must be listed and priced independently.

By bidding on an item, bidders recognize that these items are not suitable for firefighting purposes, and the commissioners make no guarantee as to their operability. A form acknowledging these statements and waiving all liability on the District's behalf shall be signed by the winning bidder prior to removal of items.

All items not removed from District property and paid for within 30 days of bid award shall be awarded to the next lowest bidder. The commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to rebid any or all items in the best interest of the District. 

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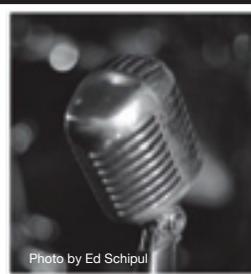


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Lots to Do to Get Ready for Another Great Fourth of July

Volunteers are always needed!

Press release

Andover's 74th annual celebration is approaching fast! There is still a lot to do to prepare.

Applications are being sent out for participants in the parade. If you have a float, an antique car, band, or fire apparatus and would like to be in the parade, please contact Donna French at 735-6431. If you haven't pre-registered, you can still show up on July 4 by 10:30 and register. Some of the confirmed participants will be the New Hampshire Pipes and Drums, Leapin' Lena, and Captain Morrill's Company.

Anyone can participate in the parade. Remember, the theme this year is American Heroes! Everyone knows of an American Hero, right? Decorate a float, organize a band, do anything you can imagine!

This year the fireworks will again be launched from Proctor Ski Area. Great viewing spots will be Carr Field and the Village Green. We had rave reviews after last year.

Vendors are already signing up for the festivities on the Village Green. Vendors will provide handcrafted jewelry, clothing, whirligigs, leather products, soap, maple products, bands, food,

raffles and much more. If you want a space at the market on the Village Green, please contact Doug Phelps at Doug.Phelps80@gmail.com. There is always room for more! There will be live bands and shows throughout the day and into the evening this year. Come out and see the local talent.

Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated. The programs for this wonderful event will be out in late June. Programs will be available at the Post Offices, Jake's Market, Belletete's, and the Lake Sunapee Bank, to name a few locations. These programs will outline the itinerary of the day and evening and the wonderful donors who make this day happen.

A rain date has been set again this year. If the weather is bad on the Fourth, the fireworks and the festivities on the Village Green will be moved to Saturday, July 9. In this case, the parade will have to be cancelled, as the state permit is only for July 4. But if the parade is cancelled, participants are encouraged to bring their floats, etc., to the beginning of Lawrence Street, next to the Proctor Block, at 11 AM on Saturday, July 9, for the public to enjoy, as well as for judging and prizes. Bands that had intended to march in the parade are invited to perform on July 9 on the Village Green instead.

Fourth of July Fundraising is in Full Swing

Canvassers still needed for a few roads

Judy Perreault

Fourth of July Committee

This month our Fourth of July fundraiser is in full swing. Representatives will be canvassing for a donation, either in person or by letter.

There are many expenses involved in the Independence Day celebration. We cannot do this without your support.

At this point, we still do not have collectors for the following streets: Plains Road, Bridge Street, Keyser Road, Lake Shore Drive, Route 11 from the cemetery to Route 4, Route 4 to the Danbury line, and Horseshoe Pond Road. If you live on one of these streets, please consider being a rep. It is a good chance to

meet and visit with your neighbors. We provide a kit with everything you need, including a letter.

If no one calls on you, please send a donation to Judy Perreault, PO Box 86, East Andover NH 03231. If you donate by May 31, don't forget to include your name(s) as you wish it to appear in the program. Donations after this date will be acknowledged in the Beacon. Checks should be made out to Andover Fourth of July Committee. Questions? Call 735-5493.

People who had ads in previous programs will be contacted by a committee member. New advertisers should call Bob Ward at 735-5061, and he will direct a representative to help design your ad. A half-page ad costs \$50. A full-page ad costs \$100. Smaller ads are \$25.

Andover Police Department, March 2016

412 calls for service in March

Press release

The Andover Police Department handled 412 Calls for Service during March, including:

- Assist Citizen: 9
- Business Check: 7
- Civil Issue: 5
- Dog Loose: 4
- House Checks: 186
- Manner of Operation: 6
- Noise Disturbance: 2
- Road Hazard: 4
- Theft: 4
- Traffic Offense Arrests: 3
- Traffic Offense Warnings: 118

- Welfare Check: 2

Arrests

- Mickey Michael, 43, Salisbury: Operating after suspension, second offense (OAS II); Prohibitions
- Regina Dokus, 42, Northfield: Reckless operation
- Matthew Warren, 32, Canterbury: OAS II
- Arielle Stickney, 24, Penacook: OAS II; Suspended registration
- Brian Neuberger, 28, Andover: Second-degree assault (2 counts); Criminal threatening; Domestic violence (6 counts)
- David E. Peaslee, 55, Franklin: Simple assault

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Andover Town Clerk: May 2016

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Joanna Sumner, Town Clerk

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As this is a new law, the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles has allowed those with all of the proper documentation to be reviewed on a case by case basis in the rare instance that it be beyond the 30 days.

Semi-Annual Tax Bills

2015 was the first year that Andover sent out two property tax bills. One was mailed in June and the second in November. This change made a much better cashflow for the Town, and we had an overwhelming number of positive

responses on the change. The June tax warrant was \$2,579,679, and by July 1 we had collected \$2,081,323, or nearly 81% of the property tax bills mailed in June.

Property Tax Relief

On May 1, forms will be available in the Town Clerk's office for those of you who want to apply for the New Hampshire Property Tax Relief Program. To qualify, you will need to meet certain criteria. You need to own your own home, reside there, and if you are single, you should have an adjusted gross income of no more than \$20,000. If you are married or head of a household with an adjusted gross income of no more than \$40,000, you may qualify.

Dog Licenses

If you still have not licensed your dog, you need to get your dog licensed before the end of May or be subject to late fees and fines. If you received a letter from us regarding a dog that you no longer own, please let us know so that we can remove the dog from our records.

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Supervisors of the Checklist

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet at the Town Office on Tuesday, May 31, from 7 to 7:30 PM for additions and changes to the checklist.

This is your last chance to change party affiliation before the State Primary on September 13.

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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*.

Capital Improvement

March 31
Condensed from draft minutes
Chair: Doug Phelps
Attendees: Jeff Newcomb, Dennis Fenton, Chuck Keyser
Guest: Road Agent John Thompson

Town Meeting Capital Actions
 Forest Fire Truck and Skid: ~\$74,000
 Computer Server (Technology): \$5,000
 Outfit 1990 Ford L8000: \$30,000
 Replace Town Hall Roof: \$25,000
 Morrill Hill Bridge Capital Reserve: \$179,888
 Ambulance Capital Reserve: \$25,000
 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve: \$10,000
 Highway Special Projects: \$150,000
 Police Cruiser Capital Reserve: \$7,500

Road Agent Capital Improvement Forecast

The committee discussed the project list submitted by Road Agent John Thompson.

Concern over the cost and timing was expressed. Although the committee agreed the projects were most likely appropriate, scheduling the timing of the projects in order to minimize the cost impact to the Town will be important.

RSMS Review

Doug did a quick demonstration of the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) application. Features such as quickly listing Town roads by surface condition, drainage needs, and the importance of the road was shown, as well as how the application can be used for budgeting and prioritizing for long-range planning.

Committee Schedule

April: Letter Sent to all Department

and Committee Heads
 May through August: Gather and Review Capital Input Requests
 September: Completed Evaluation
 October: Public Hearing, Review Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 November: Submit Completed CIP
 The next meeting is scheduled for the last Thursday of April, the 28th.

Conservation Commission

February 24
Present: Mary Anne Broshek, Larry Chase, Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Nan Kaplan

ASLPT Update

Nan reported that the follow-up field visit on the Emerald Ash Borer was well attended. The site was an infested area near the Audubon Center in Concord. Members suggested that a workshop specifically for loggers would be helpful. The public can report sightings at NHbugs.org or by contacting County Forester Tim Fleury.

Nan will check on the status of the ASLPT invoice for stewardship funds.

Bog Pond and Business District

Members were asked to prepare questions or comments on the recommendations and map from the consultant for the next meeting. A hard copy of the report and related maps is available at the Town Hall for all to read.

The Bog Pond area is extremely rich in natural resources, and the report recommends a much smaller business district. The Conservation Commission will be exploring if landowners around

See Cons Comm 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 on 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, 3-5; 6:30-8:30 • Fri, 1:30-5
Transfer Station:
 Wed, 7-5 (7-6 during Daylight Time)
 Sat, 7-5
Swap Event (May-Oct):
 2nd Sat (rain: 3rd Sat), 8-2
 Transfer Station

MEETINGS

At the Town Hall unless otherwise noted
Board of Selectmen:
 1st & 3rd Mon, 6:30
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,
 Andover Fire Station, 7
Andover Fire Department: Mon, 7
Andover EMS: 2nd Wed, 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!

MAY

- 2: Board of Selectmen, 6:30
- 2: Fire Department, 7
- 3: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 4: Fourth of July, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 9: Fire Department, 7
- 10: Building Permits, 6-7
- 10: Planning Board, 7
- 10: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7
- 11: Selectmen's Office CLOSED
- 11: Andover EMS, East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 11: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 12: Selectmen's Office CLOSED
- 14: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12
- 16: Board of Selectmen, 6:30
- 16: Fire Department, 7
- 17: Building Permits, 6-7
- 17: Zoning Board, 7
- 19: Library Trustees, 7

- 23: Fire Department, 7
- 24: Building Permits, 6-7
- 24: Planning Board, 7
- 26: Capital Improvement, 7
- 30: Town Offices CLOSED
- 31: Building Permits, 6-7

JUNE

- 1: Fourth of July, Andover Fire Station, 7
- 6: Board of Selectmen, 6:30
- 6: Fire Department, 7
- 7: Building Permits, 6-7
- 7: School Board, AE/MS, 6:30
- 8: Andover EMS, East Andover Fire Station, 7
- 8: Conservation Commission, 7:30
- 11: Swap Shop, Transfer Station, 8-12
- 13: Fire Department, 7
- 14: Building Permits, 6-7
- 14: Planning Board, 7
- 14: Recreation Comm, AE/MS, 7

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Cons Comm from page 10

Bog Pond are interested in conservation easements.

Mary Anne will contact Marj Roy about setting up a meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Conservation Commission to review the report and determine next steps. Earle Chase is available to attend this combined meeting.

A new map was created to show the report recommendations in an easy-to-understand format. A motion was made to reimburse Mary Anne for the \$100 she paid to create this map. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Conservation Camp

Members discussed paying for an AE/MS middle school student to attend Camp Barry 4H camp. Larry will find out what is available and if there is interest. Members voted 4 to 1 in favor of expending up to \$500 in Conservation Commission funds with the understanding that: 1) the camp week must focus on natural resources/wildlife, and 2) that the student will attend a Conservation Commission meeting to report on the camp experience.

Snow Shoe Walk

Dave Pilla led a snow shoe walk up to Mud Pond on February 13. A dozen hearty folks braved the cold weather to learn about animal tracks, winter activities of wildlife, and forestry issues. Many thanks go to Dave for once again donating his time and expertise.

Spring Walk

Members decided to call off the May nature walk due to a similar walk being led in Andover by Andy Deegan of ASLPT. Larry will let Dave Pilla know and see if he would like to join Andy in the ASLPT walk.

Beaver Deceiver Update

Chris Turgeon from DOT met

with Vicky Mishcon, Skip Lisle, John Thompson, Tina Cotton, Larry Chase, Mario Ratzki, and David Karrick to discuss how the installation of Beaver Deceivers can provide permanent solutions to road issues caused by beaver dams and save taxpayer dollars. A photo of the meeting will appear in the Beacon.

Town Meeting Table

Members decided not to have a table at this year's Town Meeting voting day.

Trails Meeting

Larry reported on the Trails Meeting co-sponsored by the Conservation Commission and the Andover Community Association. There were four presentations: Proctor Academy trails, Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway trails, the Northern Rail Trail, and Class 6 roads in Andover. The next step is to determine how to provide this information to the general public on maps and hopefully to add these maps to the Town of Andover Web site.

Vegetation on the Rail Trail

Linda Howes contacted Mary Anne regarding the contract to use herbicides on the Rail Trail. A number of studies have come out regarding potential dangers. The portion of the Rail Trail to be treated is a six-mile stretch from Franklin to Boscawen.

Mary Anne will contact Sandy Crystall at NHDES. Tina will provide maps to show that section of the trail in relation to nearby lakes and streams. Members were asked to attend the March 16 Rail Trail Board meeting where Linda will present her findings and possible alternatives to herbicides.

Town Maps Digitized

Tina reviewed the Andover maps that were digitized by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. These maps are now available on a DVD and are more accessible for the town.

Robert Goodby Speaks on Abenaki Culture in New Hampshire

Sunday, May 8, at 2 PM in Wilmot

Press release

On Sunday, May 8, at 2 PM, the Wilmot Historical Society will host archeologist Dr. Robert Goodby of Franklin Pierce University, who will speak about Abenaki history in New Hampshire.

Reduced to near-invisibility by a conquering culture that placed little value on the Indian experience, many Abenaki went "underground" as a strategy of self-preservation. To avoid discrimination and persecution, they concealed their true identities for generations.

Robert Goodby reveals archaeological evidence that shows their deep presence here in New Hampshire, just inches below the earth's surface. The program, which is a funded project of the New Hampshire Humanities, will be held at the Wilmot Community Association's



Dr. Robert Goodby will speak about Abenaki history in New Hampshire at the Wilmot Historical Society meeting on Sunday, May 8.

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The first issue of *The Andover Star*, published in September 1988. You can read a copy of the entire first issue at AndoverBeacon.com/Andover-Star.

Photo: Charlie Darling

Remembering *The Andover Star*

First issue surfaces:
September 1988

Julie Mayo, for the Beacon

Cindy Benson dropped off an issue of The Andover Star recently. It was the first issue published, dated September 1988. You can see a PDF file of the whole issue on the Beacon's Web site at AndoverBeacon.com/Andover-Star.

We asked Andover Star publisher Julie Mayo for some thoughts about Andover's first newspaper in living memory. Her are her reflections:

The Andover Star was a gift from God! How else can one explain such

a complicated process as a newspaper being successful? Many doors opened, special people with a variety of skills and talents came together with a vision, and townspeople were willing to take a monetary chance.

After teaching at AE/MS and learning about plans for a new school addition and realizing the need for communication within the town, it was a no-brainer that Andover needed a newspaper. I volunteered at the *Franklin Journal Transcript*, with the help of owner Ben Baldwin and editor Holly Bersaw. The old-fashioned Teletype See Star on page 13

Fifty Years Ago in Andover: May 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.

May 5, 1966

Engagement Announced: Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Phelps of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Grace, to James William Alley, son of Mrs. Virginia Alley of 7 Conant Drive, Concord.

Miss Phelps will graduate from New London High School in June. She plans to attend Pierce College. Mr. Alley was graduated from New London High School class of 1965 and is employed at the Structural Concrete Corporation in Franklin. No date has been set for the wedding.

May 12, 1966

Mr. Elmon and Mrs. Lois Dyar, and two children, of Farmington, Maine have moved in with her father, Henry Fagon, on the Flaghole Road.

The Youth Fellowship are holding a bottle drive on May 14 from 9 to 12 AM. Anyone having redeemable bottles they would like picked up, please call Martha Burney, 735-4472, or the Reverend Kelsey, 735-5539. Proceeds from these bottles will be used to provide partial scholarships for Andover young people to attend conference camp for a week this summer.

Andover School Principal Ray Burton announced late Wednesday that an immunization clinic will be held at the Andover School on May 16, during the morning school hours for the schoolchildren, and 1:30 to 2:30 PM for preschool children. The clinic will be under the charge of School Nurse Mrs. Evelyn G. Haight, RN and Dr. Emile

Boselli.

At a meeting of the Andover Lions Club at the Potter Place Inn on Monday evening, Walter Hall of Webster Valve in Franklin spoke on, "What Does Webster Valve Contribute to the Franklin Area?" First, a payroll of \$1,300,000. Second, new personnel moving into this area from other sections of the country. Third, taxes of \$54,000 a year. Fourth, an increased educational desire of the people employed in its plant. It has exposed the workers to skills and trades that they had not had. The company has helped men and women further their education so they could advance in their job.

Webster Valve is part of the Watts Regulator Company, which was founded in 1875. It was purchased by the Horne family in the early 1900s, and they started the plant in Franklin in 1956. Beside the plants in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, they have plants in England and Canada. They have increased from 30 employees in 1944 to about 780 today. They manufacture temperature and pressure release valves, reduce valves, vacuum release valves, industrial airline lubricating valves, and hot water circulators. These products are sold all over the world.

The Regal Theatre in Franklin will be showing *What's New, Pussycat?* Friday thru Saturday, starring Peter O'Toole and Peter Sellers. (The film was nominated for one Academy Award.)

May 19, 1966

Wedding congratulations go to Mr. Bruce Alfred and Sandra (Nelson) Goings. The couple were married at the Elkins Chapel in Elkins on April 23.



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“Spring Awakening” Walk in Old College Road Preserve

Saturday, May 21, at 1 PM

Press release

Andy Deegan, ASLPT’s land protection specialist and stewardship manager, will lead an easy woodland walk for all ages on property in East Andover recently acquired by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT) from 1 to 3 PM on Saturday, May 21.

Beginning at a trailhead near Route 11 and Agony Hill Road, participants in the “spring awakening” walk in Old College Road Preserve “will identify springtime blossoming,” according to Deegan. “Because the property has vernal pools in it, we’ll also be looking for amphibian activity.” The walk will also introduce attendees to newly established hiking trails on the 54-acre property. The walk is co-sponsored by ASLPT and the Andover Conservation Commission.

About the Preserve

From the ASLPT Web site: “In 2002, a group of concerned neighbors in East Andover co-purchased a 54-acre parcel of land to protect it from future de-

velopment. The group, including Alex Bernhard and Myra Mayman, Fritz and Barbara Hunting, Joyce Jones, Jon and Vicky Mishcon, and Lori Cox, named the property Old College Road Preserve.

“After more than 10 years of ownership, the property owners approached ASLPT Land Protection Specialist Andy Deegan to discuss their desire to gift full ownership of Old College Road Preserve to the land trust.... As the owner, ASLPT will assume the Current Use taxes for the property and will have the flexibility to manage the property independently.

“Not only does Old College Road Preserve have good forestry soils, but a portion of the property is listed as supporting landscapes under the 2010 Wildlife Action Plan. There are vernal pools on the property that support native amphibians.

“The most important factor in ensuring the preservation of Old College Road Preserve, however, is its connectivity to other land. This 54-acre parcel is adjacent to over 2,400 acres of previously conserved land.”

Star from page 12

machine, on which one could make no mistakes (as there was no way to correct them), made me realize one could use a computer and laser printer to create a newspaper.

I literally went through telephone books to generate a list of businesses for ads. There was a group in Andover who had already, unbeknownst to me, discussed a newspaper, so getting people together was not difficult.

Dennis Melchin from Salisbury, an artist, gave us an incentive by offering to create a masthead. I had grown up with the *Winchester* (Massachusetts) *Star* and thought of the five sections of Andover (East Andover, Andover, West Andover, Cilleyville, and Potter Place) making a five-pointed star. We thought paintings of buildings from each section would show Andover’s whole town.

My husband Don set up plywood tables in the basement at 65 Maple Street in East Andover. I bought a used laser printer, we heated glue guns and pasted the articles and hand-bordered ads onto sheets which were taken to a Plymouth printer of which Benny Benson of the *Kearsarge Shopper* knew.

Mike Pride from the *Concord Monitor* was helpful and directed me to Jim “Sandy” Bucknam of the *Bow Times*. Sandy said, “If you can spell, we would have a newspaper.”

Cindy Benson, Dane Loomer, and Laurie Zimmerman were great editors. Dane, and Sarah Will from Proctor Academy, interviewed poet laureate Donald Hall for the the first issue’s front page. Irene Jewett volunteered for circulation; Reggie Roy and Benny Makechnie were photographers.

In August 1988, we sent out a letter describing the newspaper to the town and asking for donations. Many had faith and replied, although more donations came in after the first issue was published in September.

The Andover Star served as a sounding board for the town, a forum, a watchdog. I remember laughing when people said it would be a tabloid, a rag sheet. We proved otherwise.

Dr. Jon Mishcon wrote monthly medical columns. Julia Philipson from Peter Christian’s in New London shared cooking tips. Kevin Poulin, who wanted to write works news, and Heather Makechnie agreed to cover various reports.

As the paper grew, we needed a central office. The upstairs rooms over what is now Ragged Mountain Physical Therapy were available. We rented the space. Along with a new computer, we had many volunteers to run production and the business aspect.

Two years later, Operation Desert Storm came. The advertising revenue dropped, there was an internal difference, and I saw the writing on the wall.

The shareholders agreed to stop production, and the last issue was sadly printed. We broke even financially, to the penny.

Some people wanted to buy *The Andover Star*, but such a blessing, run by volunteers, was not for sale. We give God the glory!

God has definitely graced Andover, and when *The Andover Beacon* became the next paper, the people demonstrated their love for their town. Thank you to everyone who helped make both successors to *The Andover Star* – the first *Beacon*, through 2002, and now the second *Beacon*, since 2004 – successful.

Conservation Commission Hosts Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7, at the Town Hall

Mary Anne Broshek, ACC

The Andover Conservation Commission (ACC) and the Merrimack County Conservation District (MCCD) will co-sponsor a public sale of plants, trees, and shrubs at a discount from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, May 7 at the Andover Town Hall. The focus is on pollinator plants for bees and insects that ensure we can grow food.

A sample rain barrel will be on dis-

play and orders will be taken. The rain barrels cost \$50 and are made in the area, so delivery will be fast. All proceeds go to the MCCD to pay for the cost of the plants, trees, and shrubs and scholarships for students majoring in natural resource studies at UNH.

MCCD will provide (until supplies are gone) a free bulb or plant for children to give to their mothers for Mother’s Day. MCCD staff will be on-site to answer questions and provide planting guidance. We hope to see you on Saturday, May 7.

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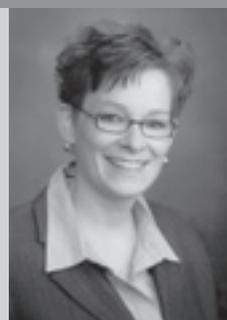
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Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby on May 7

Help stock the Channel on May 6

Press release

Here's hoping that it will feel more like spring on Saturday, May 7, when the Andover Fish and Game Club (AF&G) hosts its 21st annual Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby. The fishing fun will take place on the Highland Lake Channel in East Andover.

The derby is for kids 15 years old and under. Registration starts at 7 AM at the AF&G Clubhouse by the Channel, and kids may fish from then until 10 AM. Please note that the derby is ending an hour earlier than it has in the past.

Food and drinks will be provided, and lucky prizes, ribbons, and trophies will be awarded. Please bring your own fish poles, bait, and enthusiasm.

The night before the derby, on Friday, May 6, the Channel will be stocked with trout by an officer of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

All kids are welcome to come around 6 PM and help toss the wriggling fish into the water.

The two kids fishing derbies held each year by AF&G are a great way for kids to have fun with their families while learning about the outdoors and the great sport of fishing. As always, thank you to everyone who attends our fundraising events throughout the year, making it possible for these kids derbies to happen. And thank you to everyone who donates their time, money, and supplies to all our endeavors.

If you have any questions about the Kids Spring Trout Fishing Derby, please call 735-5311.

Wilmot Farmers Market Celebrates Its Returning Vendors

Still openings for full- and part-time vendors

Press release

The Wilmot Farmers Market (WFM) board met in early April to review additional applications and evaluate the list of remaining tasks. This season is shaping up to be the season of returning vendors.

Emma Chase Designs rejoins us with their jewelry collection, while Tyler Polizzi from Double Z Ranch will be returning to provide breakfast for market-goers. After last season's hiatus to spend time with her newborn son, Tyler is making plans to increase breakfast choices and to bring along her baby for us all to enjoy.

If the smell of breakfast isn't enticing enough for you, perhaps you will

appreciate the aroma of popping corn coming from the tent of Michael and Susan Sardonsky, owners of Mountain View Fudge and Kettle Corn. The Sardonskys return to our market after a lengthy break. Their attendance schedule, along with the schedules of all the part-time vendors and the musicians, are available on the WFM Web site.

New vendors in 2016 will be Jessica Farrell of Crazy Chicken Lady of New Hampshire Natural Soap and Lia Houk of Nimmita Natural Designs.

There are still openings for full-time and part-time vendors. Applications and guidelines are available for download from the WFM Web site. For more information, contact Margaret Hoyle at 744-2244.

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Bunny's First Spring, Sally Lloyd-Jones

Through the Reading Glasses, May 2016

Janet Moore, Library Trustees

We'll take a view to the other side of the world this month, Australia to be exact, which is where I am.

Remember Nevil Shute's story about the beginnings of the end? On the Beach has never really gone out of style for its gritty depiction of what's next after the nuclear bomb. Jill Ker Conway, former president of Smith College, grew up in Australia, presenting her early years in the autobiographical *The Road from Coorain*, followed by *True North*.

Marcus Zusack wrote the stunning

story in tribute to his parents who emigrated from Germany, *The Book Thief*, but he has also depicted the everyday pains and gains of growing up in his other novels.

Try any one of these, either authored or set in Australia, and you're in for a very different view of the world, one which still places Aussies at a bit of a remove from our ordinary news cycles. If you want to stay in touch with local goings on, just head to the Libraries and check out Andover activities. Go for it!



Telephone Museum's Annual Exhibit: "The Art of Conversation"

Opens with reception
on April 29

Press release

The excitement is building for the New Hampshire Telephone Museum's (NHTM) 2016 exhibit entitled "The ART of Conversation." The exhibit, which runs from May 1 through October 31, will open with a reception on Friday, April 29. Museum members will be treated to a sneak preview at 6 PM, and the public will be welcomed at 7 PM.

The exhibit curator and designer, Graham Gifford, has been hard at work contacting potential artists, reviewing artwork, and designing the display space. The idea of the exhibit came from their online Pinterest board of the same name. "There is so much fascinating artwork around the communications theme that we wanted to showcase it at the museum," says Gifford.

The main gallery of the museum features over 1,000 artifacts related to the evolution of the telephone and the telephone industry. "Our collection is static, so after people visit the museum once, they think they have seen all there

is to see," says Executive Director Laura French. "We are constantly updating and adding to the displays as well as adding interactive features such as our Telephone Trivia, Vote with a Coin, and scavenger hunts for the adults and children, but you wouldn't know it without a return visit. Having an exhibit that changes every year is a great way to keep people coming back."

NHTM's first annual exhibit in 2014 was done as a collaborative effort with other area museums. In 2015 the museum ventured out on its own and produced an exhibit called, "Oracles and Dragons and Apples! Oh, My!" which looked at early desktop computing and the impact on society.

"The staff normally works together to produce the annual exhibit, but art is a passion of Graham's, so I let her run with it," says French. "She has a gift for creating a vision and seeing it to fruition."

The exhibition will feature the artwork of local, national, and even some international artists working in a variety of media. Some of the works will be offered for sale in an online auction to benefit the museum.



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Photo and caption: Jay Fitzpatrick

Andover Institute Seeks Entries for Fourth of July Photo Contest

Public votes on the Village Green

Press release

The Andover Institute is sponsoring a Photo Contest as part of this year's Fourth of July Celebration in downtown Andover. Participants may enter one photo, ready for hanging, and the photo must have been taken within the town of Andover. Entry is free, and the public will get to vote on their favorite

photos during the Fourth of July Celebration.

"The Andover Fourth of July Committee thought a photo contest would be a great addition to the annual festivities," Institute representative Jay Fitzpatrick said. "So we agreed to work with them to organize this contest." The contest is open to amateur photo enthusiasts of all ages.

Images may be printed, matted and See Photo on page 17



The old Back Road (which Eastman prefers to call North Road) probably started at what is today the Hersey Family Farm.

The Old Back Road and the Families Who Lived Near It

Rita Norander
Andover Historical Society

In my previous writings, I mentioned that the Back Road was one of five roads which made its way through the busy Hogback / Dyers Crossing area of East Andover. This article will discuss in more detail the possible path taken by the Back Road and talk about the buildings and families located on the western end of this road.

To quote John Eastman's *History of Andover*, "In October 1783, a road, sometimes called the 'Back' Road, was opened eastward from the Ellis corner, past the Newel Healey house, now the WA Emery place, to the top of 'Great

Hill' where it joined the old 'Centre' Road. This change greatly improved communication, as the old road ran with many turns much farther south." Eastman goes on to say, "The road, at first called the 'Back' Road, was in 1801 recorded as the 'North' Road, and the latter name will be continued in these records."

Let's take a closer look at the above family names. Ellis Corner received its name from Silas M. Ellis, who was living at that time where the Jerry Hersey farm is today. So Ellis Corner would have been the corner of today's Route 11 and Sam Hill Road.

See Back Road on page 17

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Back Road from page 16

Eastman says the road ran past the former Newel Healey house, which would have been the Emery farm at the time Eastman was writing his account. So if I interpret this correctly, the Back Road would have run from today's Jerry Hersey farm, past the Guy Hersey farm, and then probably followed a path similar to that of today's Hoyt Road, going past the former Emery farm, and to the top of Great Hill. Hoyt Road today dead ends at the top of the hill, but in earlier times, it continued down the other side towards Webster Lake.

It was interesting to read Eastman's reference to Newel Healey, as living in the area of the later Emery farm. Ralph Chaffee often referred to the top of today's Hoyt Road as the Great Hill or Healey's Hill. This is the first time, however, that I have come across a reference to the origin of the name Healey. I was glad to have this piece of information, which answered a question that had been puzzling me for some time.

The Jerry Hersey Farm

Since I have previously written about the early settlers on the eastern end of the Back Road (today's Hoyt Road), I will begin on the western end, at the Jerry Hersey farm. Much of the following information was obtained by Ed Hiller while he was doing research for the placing of the Hersey Farms on the National Register of Historic Places, which occurred in 2008.

Alfred Weare and his son Leonard began farming this land in 1833, and continued for more than 45 years. They were descendants of early settler Jonathan Weare, and there were many branches of the family living in this area at that time.

The structure as we know it today was built in 1874-1875, after the entire farmstead was struck by lightning and burned on July 6, 1874. Jerry says there was a foundation in back of where his garage now stands, and word had been passed down through the years that there was a smaller barn in the field

beyond the foundation. It is not known, however, whether there were two houses or farms close to each other at one time, or whether it was all one farm.

Following the Weares, the owners of the property in 1878 were Acer Knowlton and his son Charles. According to Ralph Chaffee's History of East Andover, an old Andover residents map has Silas M. Ellis living at this location in 1892. Since Ellis's name did not appear during Ed Hiller's deed search of the property, I'm assuming Mr. Ellis was probably leasing the farm at this time, and was not the owner. Dimond and Ida Shaw, and later their grandson Irving, were next in line, beginning their farming operation in 1906.

James and Polly Hersey (my uncle and aunt), who were married in 1944, bought the farm from the Shaws in 1945. James and Polly, later assisted by their four sons, ran a dairy farm with Holstein cattle. In 1951 they built a large barn across the road, west of the house, and in 1963 they built the garage beside the house.

In the early 1980s the farm was taken over by their son, Jerry, at which time the operation shifted to raising Hereford cattle for breeding stock and beef production. The farm continues to be run by Jerry, with the help of his brother Jim. Jerry, who is a long-time member of the Andover Conservation Commission, placed his 268 acres of fields and forest land into a conservation easement with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust in 2007.

It is interesting to hear Jerry refer to one of his fields as "the Ellis Field." Apparently, this particular field was purchased at a later date than the original property and has always been known as the Ellis Field. It surprises me to hear this name still being used today, well over 100 years after there has been an Ellis family member living in the area – but I think it is wonderful!

Back Road Schoolhouse

Ralph Chaffee places the Back Road Schoolhouse nearly across the road from the James Hersey farmhouse, and possibly near where the new barn

was built. But according to Jerry, the schoolhouse was directly across Route 11 from Sam Hill Road. Jerry adds that the schoolhouse was actually located in the northwest corner of the Guy Hersey farm, and was not on the James Hersey farmland as stated by Chaffee.

In his *History of Andover*, Chaffee goes on to say: "There were fourteen district schoolhouses scattered throughout town at the end of the Civil War. Each district was supported by meager funds from an education tax on the real and personal property within its own little school district boundaries."

As one might expect, the condition of the schools depended on the wealth of the district and the parents' interest in the education of their children.

Unfortunately, the Back Road Schoolhouse was not in one of the wealthier districts, and the building was reported to have been in deplorable condition.

In 1884, the Back Road district was combined with the Emery Road district, whose schoolhouse was also in very poor condition. In their place, the Dyers Crossing Schoolhouse was built, which was located near the intersection of today's Route 11 and Dyers Crossing Road. The old Back Road Schoolhouse is long gone, but not before having served for a number of years as a wood shed for Dimond Shaw!

The next article in this series will take a look at the Guy and Nannie Hersey Farm (my grandparents) just down the road from Jerry's farm. 



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Each entry must be ready to hang, with entrants providing hanging wire or hooks on the backs of their entries, as well as their name and phone number on the back. Each participant may enter one photo, so they are encouraged to carefully select their best!

Those who wish to participate must notify contest coordinator Steve Colardeau by Wednesday, June 15, by simply e-mailing their intentions to SColardeau@tds.net. Upon notification, he will send further instructions.

Submitted photos must be delivered to the Andover Village Green between

8 and 9 AM on the day of the Fourth of July Celebration. The Institute will have a tent set up near the Stone Chapel, where the photos will be displayed throughout the day.

The public will be given ballots so they can vote for their top three choices. Awards will be given based on the popular vote, and a "Best of Show" award will be selected by a panel of judges. Ribbons will be given to all participants, and the top vote-getters will receive special recognition, including having their images published in The Andover Beacon and various other publications and media outlets.

All photos entered into the contest will be on display throughout the month of July in the Andover Town Hall.

For more information or to express interest in participating by June 15, please contact Steve Colardeau at SColardeau@tds.net. 



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The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail (FNRT) is very grateful to eight volunteers who helped get its 2016 annual appeal letters in the mail. The volunteers were a great crowd and got the job done in record time. Thanks, too, to Highland Lake Inn innkeeper Pecco Beaufays for his very fine hospitality, which made it a very pleasurable afternoon. Pictured are volunteers Jack Shields, Ricker Miller, Nancy Robart, and Lee Carvalho.

Photo: Lindy Heim



Joe and Samantha Poulin remove a retaining wall in preparation for some much-needed regrading during the 2015 We Build It Forward event.

Belletetes Plans WBIF Event for June 11

Volunteer to Build It Forward!

Press release

Belletetes Building Supply announced recently that on Saturday, June 11, they will be hosting their third annual We Build It Forward (WBIF) Community Outreach Event.

Belletetes expects to sponsor this year's event in the communities surrounding their nine locations: Jaffrey, Peterborough, Nashua, Pembroke, Andover, Sunapee, Ashland, and Moultonborough, as well as Winchendon, Massachusetts.

This event will help those in need in towns surrounding Belletetes' service area with projects around the homes for their neighbors who cannot complete projects themselves due to financial hardships, disabilities, or if they are elderly and need a little extra help.

Projects can be anything from yard clean-up to home repairs, painting, handicap ramps, or even a community organization that needs some help. Each project must be one that can be completed in one day, and Belletetes

must have volunteers and sponsors to support their effort.

If you or someone you know needs help and meets these requirements, contact Sue Johnson at 532-7716 or SJohnson@Belletetes.com, or visit Belletetes.com to download the project application form.

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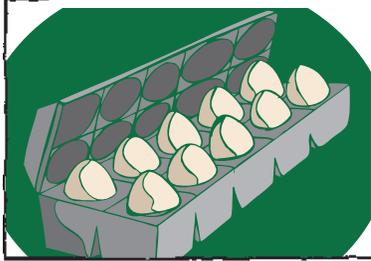
Ever get a helping hand? Don't just pay it back ... build it forward! Belletetes is asking you, your family, and your friends to volunteer on Saturday, June 11, to help make this year's WBIF event a success.

Belletetes is looking for skilled and unskilled workers, carpenters, painters, roofers, landscapers, and more to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need. Can you take one day and volunteer this year? Contact Sue Johnson at 532-7716 or SJohnson@Belletetes.com to sign up or for more information.

This one-day event will bring us all closer together and raise awareness as we find creative new ways to appreciate, serve, and build our communities together. Visit Belletetes.com to download the volunteer sign-up form.

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It was great fun to feel and hear the enthusiasm at the April 14th Thursday's Child dinner at the Coach House Restaurant in New London benefiting the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County (FNRT). The FNRT board wishes to thank all who came out to show support for the four-season recreational rail trail that we are all so proud of. Pictured here (from left foreground, then clockwise) are Lee Carvalho, Peter Southworth, Bert Carvalho, Kit Norris, Chuck Will, Alex Southworth, and Chris Norris.

Photo and caption: Lindy Heim



Bloodroot is just one of many wildflowers bursting forth in Andover's woodlands. Photo: Lee Carvalho

Andover Naturally: Fish, Birds, and Wildflowers

Spring comes alive in Andover

Lee Carvalho, for the Beacon

Spring is an exciting time in the life cycle of fish, and we have a literal window into their lives nearby. At the Amoskeag Fishways along the Merrimack River in Manchester, visitors can watch underwater activity through specially-designed viewing windows.

At this time of year, migrating fish are making their way up a 54-step fish ladder that allows them to swim around the Amoskeag Dam and travel up-river to reproduce. Anadromous fish are born and grow in the fresh water of rivers and streams but live as adults in the saltwater of oceans.

Each spring in the northeastern United States, many anadromous fish – including the Atlantic salmon, sea lamprey, American shad, and river herring – migrate from their ocean homes to the Merrimack River to breed, or spawn. The Amoskeag Fishways Learning and Visitors Center is located off Exit 6 of Interstate 293 and is now open seven days a week.

Closer to home, you can take a walk on the Rail Trail section near Valley Road to watch suckers thrashing around

as they move from Webster Lake up Sucker Brook to spawn. You might see them using their tails to churn up the water; that activity helps cover the fertilized eggs with a layer of gravel that increases the chances that the eggs will mature and hatch safely.

Birds

It's also a fine time of year to develop your birdwatching skills, as many migrating species of warblers pass through our area. You'll need a pair of binoculars and a guide book to help with identification.

New Hampshire birders have been keeping records for years and have published a booklet indicating when each species typically arrives in our region. Some, like the yellow-rumped warbler, are seen as early as mid-April, but most show up in May. Even if you can't identify these glorious birds, you can enjoy seeing and hearing them.

The best help in learning about birds is to be in the company of an experienced birder, and we will have this opportunity on Saturday, May 7, when the Andover Community Association's Andover Institute has arranged for a local bird walk. Fred Sladen of New London, who is leading the walk, is an

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Frank Haley and his family at an earlier Walk for Sight in Concord. Frank, 92, hopes to be the top fundraiser for the event again this year, which would make it 12 years in a row.

Frank Haley Hopes to be Top Fundraiser for Twelfth Year

Walk for Sight is on Saturday, June 4

Lauretta Phillips, for the Beacon

This is not the first time 92-year-old Frank Haley shared the annual 3K walk hosted by the New Hampshire Association for the Blind (NHAB) with his wife Anne. Frank and Anne have been married for almost 51 years, and they have been sharing this walk for 12 years.

They drive from place to place, visit-

ing old friends, making new ones, and collecting donations for 13th annual Walk for Sight. They begin their trek daily around the first of April and continue right up until the day of the walk. This year, the Walk for Sight is scheduled for Saturday, June 4.

The donations Frank and the other walkers bring in provide much needed services for people like Frank who are blind or visually impaired.

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Young Artists Sought for "Young at Art" Show

Enter the New London event by May 4

Press release

The New London Historical Society, Village, and Museum is seeking young artists for its Young at Art Show from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, May 15, at the New London Historical Society (NLHS) at Little Sunapee Road in New London. The Young at Art Show has been a biennial event since the 1990s.

The Young at Art Show Committee is accepting entries from students in grades kindergarten through high school. The art show is an opportunity for young artists to showcase their artistic talents, as well as the opportunity to publicly display their work.

Each artist may submit one piece of artwork in the following categories: drawing, painting, photography, and three-dimensional. Entry forms must be submitted by Wednesday, May 4.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each grade

category. The awards ceremony will be at 3:30 PM. Winning entries will be exhibited at the Tracy Memorial Library in New London and at Hospital Days in August.

The New London Historical Society, founded in 1954, is a not-for-profit volunteer organization committed to preserving and presenting the early history of the New London area. The society's collection includes a village of 19th century buildings, more than 24 horse-drawn vehicles, and thousands of other artifacts reflecting everyday life in rural New Hampshire.

Registering online at the New London Historical Society Web site is fast and easy. Just look for the Young At Art box on the right-hand side at NewLondonHistoricalSociety.org. Applications and information are available from art teachers at the following schools: Andover, Bradford, Grantham, New London, Newport, North Sutton, Sunapee, Sutton, and Warner.

For more details and information, call the NLHS office at 526-6564.

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accomplished birder who knows the local and migrating species and can help beginners recognize field traits and songs. See the article on page 22 about this event for details.

Wildflowers

While you are out looking for birds, remember to look down every now and then, as May also brings some of our finest wildflowers. You'll find yellow marsh marigolds in seeps and at the edges of streams. Trailing arbutus comes into bloom now, and it's worth it to get down on the ground to admire those flowers up close and inhale their sweet scent.

The exquisite bloodroot blooms will be emerging as their leaves unfold from around the stem. Look for another spring ephemeral, the trout lily, blooming in woodland habitats. Hobblebush flowers will be lining hiking trails in

the woods.

Mercury Transits the Sun

On Monday, May 9, there is a chance to view a transit of Mercury, when the planet will move directly between the Earth and the Sun. This is an extremely rare event that occurs only once every few years; the next two transits of Mercury will occur in 2019 and then 2039!

According to astronomers, one of the best places to view this event in its entirety will be the eastern United States. However, to see the transit you'll need to have telescope with a solar filter or a friend who has one and is willing to share.

On the night of Sunday, May 22, be sure to check the sky for the planet Mars, which will be at its closest approach to Earth. Its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun, and it will be brighter than any other time of the year.

Send your photos, observations, and questions to AndoverNaturally@gmail.com.

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Frank, who had a fall that left him walking more slowly and still wearing the brace boot on his left ankle from an old injury, is often accompanied on his walk by his wife Anne, daughters-in-law Vickie Haley and Norma Haley, and granddaughters Katie, Mariah, and Shannon. Last year granddaughter Jennifer came home from California for the occasion.

This year, Frank hopes to retain the title of the highest individual fundraiser, making this his 12th consecutive year. Frank thanks everyone who has donated in the past years for their support and hopes their generosity will continue to support this fine organization and its services to the blind.

Some of the services NHAB provides are Rehabilitation Therapy, which helps an individual maintain his or her independence; Orientation and Mobility Instruction to help an individual develop safe independent travel skills and learn new routes and environments; and Low Vision Services, which assist people who are partially sighted to use their remaining vision more effectively. NHAB also provides educational services, adaptive technology services, volunteer services, and public education.

For more information or to make a donation, contact NHAB at 224-4039 or SightCenter.org. Don't forget to tell them that Frank Haley sent you! Or better yet, say "Hello to Frank," wish him well on his walk, and give him your donation.



One of the many spectacular photos taken by Patty Pond during her adventures to the Antarctic and the Falkland Islands. She'll share more images and impressions of her travels to these destinations, as well as her trip to New Zealand, at Travel Night on May 18.



A view of the hiking trails leading into the Grand Canyon toward the Colorado River. Frank Baker, Donna Baker-Hartwell, and Brad Hartwell will share their stories and photos of the hike they took into the canyon at the May 18 Travel Night at the Grange Hall in East Andover. Photo: Frank Baker

Travel Night Takes Us to Grand Canyon, Antarctica

Wednesday, May 18, in East Andover

Press release

Hiking trips inside the Grand Canyon and Tasman National Park in New Zealand, and a National Geographic adventure to Antarctica and the Falkland Islands, all adventures enjoyed by local residents, will be the subjects of a special Travel Night on Wednesday, May 18, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall

in East Andover. The program starts at 6:45 PM and is free and open to the public.

Frank Baker, Brad Hartwell, and Donna Baker-Hartwell of East Andover, who took a four-night back-country hike into the Grand Canyon National Park in March of 2010, will share their experiences and the images they captured and explain what gear they took with them and why.

The trio, avid New England back-

packers, hiked the less-traveled trails from the South Rim to the Colorado River and back. These trails were considered "most difficult" and "very strenuous" for Western standards. Making the hike especially unique was the fact they scheduled it to coincide with a full moon, which they describe as "unforgettable."

Don't be surprised if Frank entertains the crowd with his stories, especially about the miracle of discovering water when they had none.

Antarctica and New Zealand

Patty Pond, math teacher at Proctor

Academy and director of the school's Mountain Classroom Program, will share her experiences travelling to Antarctica, South Georgia, and the Falkland Islands and later to New Zealand.

The Antarctic trip was a three-week National Geographic adventure coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the Endurance Expedition being iced in. The images she and her daughter Caroline, with whom she frequently travels, brought back from the trip will be shown and discussed.

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The North Country Chordsmen, a barbershop chorus from Hanover under the direction of Dan Falcone, performed on Sunday, April 10, at the Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowships' Stone Chapel at Proctor Academy in Andover. The Fellowship meets every Sunday at 11 AM from September through June. Photo: Sally Bergquist

Andover Institute Hosts Spring Birding Walk

Saturday, May 7, on the Rail Trail

Press release

Local birders, whether just beginning or more accomplished, are invited to join New London birder Fred Sladen on a spring birding walk on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 7 AM. The group will assemble by the Howard George Field at Blackwater Park on Lawrence Street and walk along the Northern Rail Trail, hoping to see a number of species, particularly the arriving migrants and a good representation of the land birds of New Hampshire.

If luck isn't with us at that location, or if time permits, the group may also car-pool to another site or two in Andover

to check out what birds can be seen.

Bring a pair of binoculars, as well as your questions about how to spot and identify birds. Fred has birded in over 30 countries and 20 states in the US, has found and identified almost every species that breeds east of the Mississippi, and has led birding tours to the Caribbean and to Central and South America.

The walk is organized by the Andover Institute, an arm of the Andover Community Association, and is offered free of charge to anyone who would like to join in.

For further information, or in case of bad weather, contact Susan Chase at 735-5135 or AndoverCommunity03216@gmail.com.

"Welcome Spring" Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on May 7

33 vendors at AE/MS to support scholarships

Mary Ofenloch, ASC

The Andover Service Club (ASC) has been in the process of organizing one of its most exciting fundraisers – the "Welcome Spring" Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on Saturday, May 7, from 10 AM to 3 PM at AE/MS. This fundraiser is to benefit the ASC Merit Scholarship Fund. Admission is free, but freewill donations will be gratefully accepted. As an added attraction, homemade baked items will also be for sale.

Many years ago, ASC sponsored craft fairs at the Christmas season. Members met during the year to create the items that were sold at the fair.

Now, this "Welcome Spring" show has 33 vendors from Andover and many surrounding towns, as well as ASC members. Participation by the public is needed to make this event a success. So we hope to see everyone on May 7.

April Meeting

On April 13, the ASC members met at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. On the agenda were the usual business reports, refreshments, and the annual in-house auction.

The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11, at 10 AM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Storyteller Lauretta Phillips will be the special guest speaker.

Any woman who would like to become a member of the Andover Service Club is welcome to attend this meeting. You will meet wonderful women who dedicate their time and effort to support their community in many ways, while enjoying the friendships they make along the way.

In June, scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and/or continuing



Diane Rice, ASC Scholarship Chairlady, displays a poster advertising the Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, May 7. Proceeds from the show and sale at AE/MS will benefit the ASC Scholarship fund. Photo: Mary Ofenloch

education college students. Your continued support for fundraisers, such as the Arts and Craft Show, Thanksgiving Pie Sale, and Fourth of July Pie Slices for Scholarships is very important. Thank you for your generosity – it is sincerely appreciated!

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She will also share her experiences "tramping" through Abel Tasman National Park in New Zealand and traveling along the West Coast of the South Island and near Christchurch.

Travel Night is part of a series of presentations sponsored by the Andover

Institute and featuring the adventures of local residents.

The Institute is a branch of the Andover Community Association and is committed to "bringing people together to learn new things and gain new skills." Stay connected to local events by "liking" their Facebook page at [Facebook.com/AndoverInstitute03216](https://www.facebook.com/AndoverInstitute03216).

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Plant and Bake Sale on May 7

Press release

Welcome, Spring! It certainly is wonderful to go for a walk in the early morning and be serenaded by the birds. Thank you, God!

The inside of the Highland Lake Grange Hall building next to the church has received a much-needed "face lift" this past month thanks to some very ambitious church people. About a dozen people, under the direction of John and Joyce Bourdon, stripped wallpaper, painted walls and ceilings, and put up molding around doors and windows.

They also put up new shades and purchased new tablecloths. The wiring was updated courtesy of Lloyd Perreault. A big "Thank you!" to all who volunteered their time and/or money to help on this project.

The Church will be helping to support missionaries Jake and Samantha Pelletier and their three children as they travel to Puebla, Mexico. They will be helping to run an orphanage for the Camino Global ministry. Samantha is the daughter of local residents Chuck

and Cathy Ellis.

The Church recently collected \$456 for the "Give-a-Goat" ministry, which is part of Samaritan's Purse. We also continue to collect food for the food pantries in the area.

We will be holding a Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 7, from 9 AM to noon at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. Annual and perennial plants will be for sale at very reasonable prices. Delicious baked goods made by the ladies of the Church will also be for sale. Call Ginny Newton at 934-3171 if you have any questions.

We continue to have a flea market and bake sale on the last Saturday of every month from 8:30 AM to 2 PM at the Highland Lake Grange Hall. All money from this sale goes to the "Save the Grange" fundraiser.

We invite all to join us for Church service. We have adult Sunday School from 8:30 to 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings. Worship service and Sunday School for children are held every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. There are also many small group meetings at various times during the week. Call the Church office at 735-5160 for more information.



Community Bike Swap and Tune-up Event on May 14

Plus DIY bike workshops

Press release

A Community Bike Swap and Tune-Up event will take place on the Andover Village Green on Saturday, May 14, from 1 to 4 PM. Sponsored by the Andover Community Association, Friends of the Northern Rail Trail, Kearsarge Valley Transition Initiative, and the Proctor Academy Cycling Team, the event will offer free basic tune-ups and tips provided by bike-savvy neighbors, students, and teachers.

There will also be two "Do-It-Yourself Basics" workshops from 1:30 to 1:45 and from 3:30 to 3:45. In case of rain, the entire event will be held in the Andover Elementary/Middle School gym.

The event is free and open to the public. Anyone with an extra or outgrown bicycle of any shape or size in good working condition (or easily fixed by volunteer mechanics) is encouraged to bring it to swap or donate to a family

in need.

If you can't make the event but have a bike to donate, drop it off any day prior to the event at the Andover Police Station with an attached (waterproofed) note giving your name and a telephone number. Bike donors will receive gift certificates to Tarte Cafe, Naughty Nellie's Ice Cream, or Outdoor New England!

Community members who are in need of a bike are welcome to come "shop" the selection of donations on Saturday. Unclaimed ones will be sent to Recycled Cycles in Concord, a collaboration between Goodwill Industries of Northern New England and the Central New Hampshire Bicycling Coalition, which provides training and employment in bike repair and maintenance to women who are transitioning out of the New Hampshire state prison system.

Refreshments will be provided free of charge by Jake's Market. For further information, contact Susan Chase at SRFChase@gmail.com or 735-5135. We hope to see you there!



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New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family, April 2016

Program covered United Arab Emirates

Judy Perreault, NHCHF

Each year our club studies a foreign country. This year it was the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The program was written by a lady who spent three years there.

My geography skills are not the best, so I unearthed an old globe so I could show the group exactly where the UAE is and its relationship to other countries.

Previously, this area had numerous nomadic tribes. In the 19th century, Britain wanted to control a sea route to and from India using the Persian Gulf. It took almost 100 years to get the stronger tribes to unite to form what is today the UAE. It consists of Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Fujairah, Ajman, Umm al-Quwain and Ras al Khaimah.

It wasn't until the early 1900s that oil came into the picture. France, Britain, and the US wanted exploration rights. A 1939 agreement gave oil companies a 75-year lease, with companies receiving \$1 per barrel and the UAE receiving the rest, no matter what oil was selling for; in time, it was over \$100 per barrel. Money poured into this area, and over the years it became modernized with roads, hospitals, schools, ports, museums, hotels, and airports.

Most of the UAE's water comes from desalination, which takes a good portion of the budget.

The only citizens are from tribal families. There are 9 million residents in the UAE, and only 10% to 11% qualify for citizenship.

These citizens receive many benefits. When a couple marries, they receive a plot of land for a home, and the government subsidizes the construction. They also receive a generous bonus for each child. On holidays, the government holds lotteries and clears the debts of 1,000-plus citizens. They pay off credit cards, car payments, and house mortgages.

The constitution provides that the ruler of Abu Dhabi will always be the president of the UAE, and the ruler of Dubai will always be the vice president.

In public, they dress modestly, as per the Koran, with arms, legs, and hair covered. Most of the women do not wear veils. Under their cloaks and in private, the women wear a more modern style of dress. Men sometimes appear in western clothing.

Camel milk, camel and goat meat, and dates are the traditional diet, but every cuisine in the world is available.

Muslims do not drink alcohol, but non-Muslims can get a liquor license if their employer says it is permissible. The amount you can get is based on your salary.

The UAE is a very safe area. All organizations have to be registered with the federal government and are tightly controlled.

The UAE is looking toward the future, when their oil supply runs out. They are investing in mega projects with a view toward tourism. They also have plans to be the hub of Islamic finance.

This was a very interesting program.

Franklin Animal Shelter Holds 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser

May 29 starting at Paul Smith School

Press release

The Franklin Animal Shelter is planning its third annual US Track and Field-certified 5K race and walk. The event, sponsored by EPTAM Plastics, will be held on Sunday, May 29, at 8:30 AM.

The race and walk starts at the Paul Smith Elementary School in Franklin at 41 Daniel Webster Drive. Registration is \$30, and available this year are performance race shirts for \$10. Also new this year are expanded age category awards, including a youth team challenge. Medals will be awarded to first-

place finishers in each category.

To register online, visit FranklinAnimalShelter.com or MilleniumRunning.com.

The Franklin Animal Shelter provides a place where Good Samaritan rescuers, Franklin police, and those no longer able to care for pets can turn for help. The shelter provides food, warm beds, needed medical attention, and loving care.

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Salisbury Fire and Rescue Holds Open House on May 7

Red Cross Blood Drive, too

Press release

Join the Salisbury Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department at the Salisbury Safety Complex for its fifth annual Open House on Saturday, May 7, from 10 AM to 2 PM, rain or shine. There will also be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the complex from 10 AM to 3 PM.

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Apple Grafting Workshop at Final Winter Market

Roast pork supper on May 21

Press release

Blazing Star Grange has a busy month of May planned. The last Farmers Market of the winter season will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 9 AM to 1 PM. The market features a wide variety of local products including meats, eggs, soap, cheese, honey, crafts, jams, baked goods, cards, plants, recycled clothing designs, chocolates, and mustards. The special feature for the May market will be an apple grafting workshop. Hot breakfast and lunch will be served.

The Grange will also put on a supper on Saturday, May 21, from 5 to 6:30 PM. The menu will feature roast pork, potatoes, vegetable, rolls, and homemade

dessert. As always, the food will be delicious, and the prices will be family-friendly: adults are \$9, children under 12 are \$4, and everyone under 3 is free. All are invited to leave the cooking and cleanup to the Grange and enjoy a community supper. Take-outs are available.

Blazing Star Grange has been active in Danbury since 1875. The Grange serves through outreach, education, community service projects, and generosity of time and energy. The Grange depends on the enthusiasm and vision of citizens working together to make the community a better place to live. Membership is open to all citizens in surrounding communities who are 14 years of age and older. For more information about the Grange or upcoming events, call 768-5579. 

Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry, May 2016

Donate items for infants and toddlers

Press release

Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry (TRIFP) wishes to thank all who made "April – Cereal Month" a great success! As we placed boxes on the shelf, they were given out instantly.

May is "Infant through Toddler Month," with many different items needed, such as boxes of rice and oatmeal cereal, baby wipes, baby needs, formula, diapers, socks, bibs, etc. Almost every week we have the blessing of holding a little one while parents gather their food. It would be great to send home something that's just what the baby needs, too! 



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May Coffeehouse to Feature Joel Cage

Friday, May 20, at 7 PM

Press release

On Friday, May 20, beginning at 7 PM, the Andover Community Coffeehouse spotlight will focus on Joel Cage, the award-winning veteran singer/songwriter from Boston. As always, the concert is open to the public at no charge, though donations are always gratefully accepted.

Once a member of the internationally acclaimed rock and roll group Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, Cage has performed as a soloist for the past two decades. He's been called a "virtuoso guitarist and impassioned vocalist whose music is both evocative and raucous. He spans the gamut from sounding like a full rock band to 'hear your own heartbeat' intimacy."

Cage's accolades include awards from the John Lennon Songwriting Contest, the USA Songwriters Competition, and the Boston Music Awards, among others. He is also a master interpreter of other people's music, spanning a wide field of musical genres, garnering him the oft-used moniker "Acoustic Rock Song Stylist." He has five CDs to his credit. For more information, visit JoelCage.com. 



Mary McGuire was the featured performer at the Andover Community Coffeehouse on April 15.

Photo: Steve Colardeau

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

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. Sponsor for the evening is the Boynton Law Office, 164 Main Street, Andover, whose donation covers rental of the Grange Hall.

For future performers and photos of past performers visit AndoverCoffeeHouse.org or "Andover Community Coffeehouse" on Facebook. 

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Choose Franklin Community Day on May 14

Theme: Franklin Heroes,
Past and Present

Press release

The 12th annual Choose Franklin Community Day will be held on Saturday, May 14, rain or shine. This year's event, sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank and Mix 94.1 FM, will take place at Odell Park, located on Memorial Street in downtown Franklin.

Prior to the event, the Paul Smith School PTO will hold the Hero Hustle, a 5K Fun Run/Walk on River Street in Franklin, which will begin at 8 AM. Community Day activities will begin at 10 AM when booths, games, and food concessions open for the day. There will be a Wildlife Encounters show at 11 AM, courtesy of Hope Community Chapel.

At noon, the Three Rivers Chorale will perform at the gazebo; there will be a karate demonstration by White Tiger Karate at 12:15 PM on the softball

field; and the Franklin Public Library will sponsor Mad Science at 1 PM, also at the Odell gazebo. In addition, there will be a climbing wall and bungee jump, petting zoo, pony rides, and children's games and activities throughout the day.

This year's parade/event theme is "Franklin Heroes, Past and Present." The parade will step off at Franklin High School at 10 AM and proceed easterly on Central Street to Smith Street, where it will turn and continue to Odell Park.

The fair continues from 10 AM to 2 PM and will include games, craft booths, and food vendors. Many area service organizations and businesses will participate with raffles, giveaways, etc. There is no admission fee for the fair or shows.

An all-day wrist band can be purchased for \$10 for admittance to the activity area (bungee jump, petting zoo, pony rides, games, etc.)

Franklin revitalization
will benefit

Jennifer White
C-S Director of Sustainability

The Colby-Sawyer College Board of Trustees has approved a three-year Bachelor of Science degree in community-based sustainability starting in the fall. Through hands-on courses and a unique partnership with Franklin-based non-profit PermaCity Life, students will develop skills for creative and complex problem solving, work with regional stakeholders and potential employers, and help create a resilient, vibrant, diverse, and sustainable community in Franklin.

New Hampshire's smallest city is on the cusp of a sustainable revitalization and Colby-Sawyer students can now learn from and contribute to that effort. The new major is complemented by the Sustainable Learning Initiative (SLI) at Franklin Falls, which offers students experiential learning opportunities to explore, design, and develop sustainable solutions to community needs.

The program uses intensive summer and winter learning experiences, allowing students to complete the degree in three years and better manage the time and cost of their education.

On-going projects in Franklin include a locally-themed restaurant and

microbrewery, a volunteer-run coffee shop, a co-working space, an art gallery and music venue, multi-generational mixed-use housing, permaculture/edible landscaping, ecologically sound storm-water management, expanded bike trails, and a whitewater park.

Plans under consideration include an arts cooperative and performance center, reducing traffic downtown, zero-waste and commercial composting, a farmer's market, a holistic health center, aquaponics and mushroom farming, a technology, research, and development lab, market-rate housing, and a hostel with function space and cafe.

Students in the SLI have already contributed to Franklin's Master Plan, developed company logos, created signage for the local bike-trail system, constructed a database for the up-cycled art gallery, and conducted a parking inventory. This spring, interns will research IT solutions, create GIS maps, develop tourism strategies, and explore best practices for commercial compost.

Faculty have proposed other topics for study such as brownfield mitigation, a community-based film project, community ceramics classes and art exhibits, calculating timed release of river volumes, recreational event planning, and best practices for community gardens. Learn more at SLI-FranklinFalls.com.

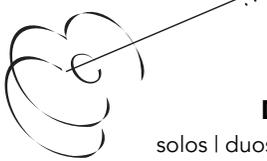
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WCA's Black Fly Blitz on Memorial Day, May 30

5K walk/run starts at 9 AM

Press release

Serious runners, casual competitors, and avid walkers should mark their calendars for the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) 12th annual Black Fly Blitz 5K Walk and Run starting at 9 AM on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, in Wilmot.

Registration is now open. Runners who register by Sunday, May 1, will receive a free Black Fly Blitz t-shirt.

Participants can register online, by mail, or on-site on the day of the race. Online registration closes at noon on Friday, May 27, and is available at WilmotCommunityAssociation.org. A downloadable mail-in entry form for the race also is available on the WCA's Web site.

Day-of-the-race registration opens at 7:30 AM on Monday, May 30, under the tent on the Wilmot Town Green at the intersection of Kearsarge Valley Road and Village Road in Wilmot.

Until May 27, race registration is free for children 8 years old and younger; \$15 for youths 9 to 17, and \$20 for adults 18 and older. On race day, registration will increase by \$5.

"For the fifth consecutive year, coaches and members of the Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS) track and cross-country teams will be assisting the WCA on race day," said Ann Davis, a member of the WCA board of directors. She and her husband Marc are co-directors of the race.

Acknowledging the KRHS volunteers' time, the WCA will donate a portion of the race proceeds to the teams. "We are delighted to be able to assist with this event," said Peter Angus, coach at KRHS. "This collaboration is a win-win for our teams and the WCA."

The 3.1-mile, 5K scenic course is a clockwise loop that starts on Village Road and continues on Shindagan Road, to Cross Hill Road, to Campground Road, and then to Village Road. It is a relatively flat course over slightly undulating terrain. Water will be available at the mid-point of the race. Runners will receive free beverages and snacks after the race.

Awards will be presented at 10:15 AM at the Wilmot Bandstand, on the Wilmot Town Green next to the Wilmot Town Office building at 9 Kearsarge Valley Road. The Cloud Duo will play classic rock and country music. Activities for children will include temporary tattoos and an assortment of games.

The Black Fly Blitz is the WCA's largest fund-raising event of the year. Proceeds support the organization's operations and activities. Additional events organized in 2016 by the WCA include Imagination into Art on June 24 and 26; Pie Breakfast on July 16; Halloween Party on October 31; Holiday Craft Fair on December 3; and the Wilmot Express on December 11.

More information is available from WilmotCommunityAssociation.org; 526-7934; or WCA@tds.net. 

South Danbury Church's Speaker Series Continues in May

Architecture on the 6th, bees on the 20th

Press release

The presentations at the South Danbury Speaker Series will be particularly constructive and lively (even buzzy) in May, after which the series takes a break until September.

"We use the summer to plan a whole new set of speakers, which is healthy," notes Kathy Neustadt, the series' co-founder. "But this year, as the South Danbury Church gears up with LCHIP Preservation activities to restore the church building, there will be other interesting events going on throughout the summer that people can take advantage of and enjoy."

Meanwhile, on Friday, May 6, Jim Heavey of Danbury will be speaking on "The Art and Craft of the Master Builder." Beginning with an historical background on the ways in which architectural training has changed throughout history, he will also talk about his own personal experience starting in the 1950s, which included a 13-year apprenticeship ("I learned a lot."). In

recent years, he will point out, the computer has become a significant tool in architecture, but Heavey's orientation has always been hands-on. As he puts it, "I love the feel of the paper and the smell of the graphite."

Heavey began working at an architectural firm in Boston in the 1950s and by the 1960s was a Project Architect, Vice President, and owner. He started his own company, Comprehensive Building Systems, in the 1980s and to this day continues as a design and construction consultant – a long, productive career.

To help appreciate how things have evolved in the fields of architecture and building over time, Jessica Cook – another local resident and architect – will be on hand to ask questions and tease out some of the changes.

On Friday, May 20, Amy Papineau, a Field Specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension, will talk about "Helping Our Native Bees." A graduate of UNH with a Masters in Plant Biology, Papineau works with the Cooperative Extension to support agricultural and

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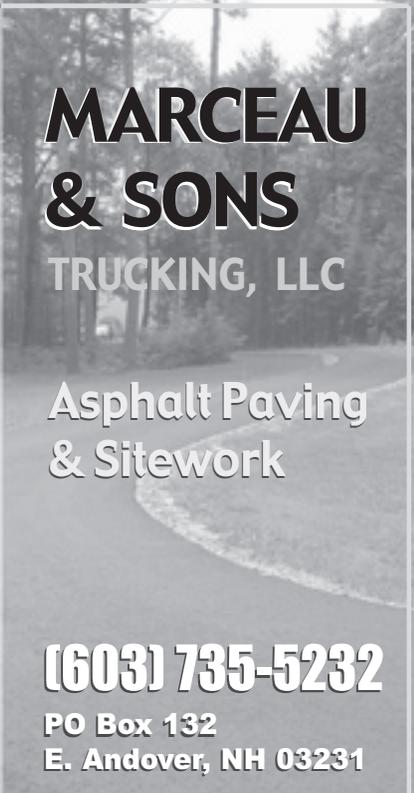
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Diane Hersey's Y2K Wish List May Come True in Andover

An era gone by? Perhaps not...

Diane Hall Hersey, for the Beacon

Andover is helping me to realize some major things I have already done and would like to revisit again. These milestones involve living the good life, as defined by the back-to-the-land movement of the 1970s.

What follows is a wish list that I wrote 16 years ago, in December 1999. I was informed that you can't go back again. I wrote this list anyway.

- I would like to build and own a cabin in the woods again with enough land for privacy and peace of mind. My peace of mind consists of living in a quiet area with a minimum of traffic noise. My cabin would be off the main road, tucked away in the woods, a retreat away from the world, where I can garden and have a few geese. It would be quiet enough to hear the birds calling to each other, especially the Wood Thrush. I want to hear snow falling on the dry brown oak leaves. And the creaking of tree limbs in the wind.

- There is nothing better than the tangy smell of soil thawing from a winter freeze, reaching that perfect crumbling stage that signals planting time. It always thrills me to watch over planted seeds. One day there is smooth undisturbed topsoil, and the next brings tiny cracks and a pale green sprout, pushing

its way through.

- I love sitting in a southern exposure in the woods, surrounded by snow, except for the small area that is warm and dry beneath my feet. The air is soft with the scent of warm pine needles and the promise of spring.

- My neighbors would be woodsmen and farmers, folks who have an appreciation for the land and the simple life, folks who know how to harness a horse and drive a tractor. No one would think me odd for cherishing my kitchen woodstove or quoting Robert Frost.

- Neighbors would have barn and house raisings. They would go to country church suppers. Ham and bean. Chicken pie.

- The older residents would share their experiences with the younger. Home remedies and crafts that would otherwise be lost if they were not passed on. Values that stand the test of time, regarding integrity and perseverance.

Perhaps this is an era gone by, but this is my wish list. Those wonderful ways of life should survive for the members of the next generation. They may choose another path, but the choice should be there.

And so, in 2016 Jim and I will be coming to live in Andover. Now I have someone of like mind and heart to share the dream. Perhaps it could be said that Andover has read my Y2K wish list and found me.

I have come home.



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horticultural industries throughout the state, providing one-on-one education and outreach for fruit and vegetable farmers, greenhouse and nursery growers, garden centers, landscapers, and any other kind of agricultural business or organization.

Papineau (who is also director of the Northern New England Pollinator Habitat Working Group), will be discussing how critical pollinating insects are to the success of local agriculture and the maintenance of biodiversity in our natural ecosystems – as well as what we

can do to support and provide for them in return. In the context of the frightening news we hear about the plight of honey bees, this story of our diverse and healthy native bee populations is an important and a positive one.

Speaker Series events begin at 6:30 PM and are free to the public, though contributions are welcome and appreciated. The South Danbury Church (an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ) is located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury, where church services are held on Sundays at 11 AM. For more information, call 768-3191.




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She was a 1942 graduate of Andover High School.

Alice worked at JJ Newbury, Britts, Rumford Press, Sprague Electric, Mountain's Store in Barnstead, and Precision Finishing.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward M. Burnham, in 1999 and by her daughter, Barbara Jean Freniere, in 2012.

She leaves behind one son, Edward, of Pittsfield; three daughters: Pamela Tasker of Concord, Mary Ellen Murphy of Concord, and Linda Nakamura and her husband Michael of South Carolina; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Burial will be in the spring in Danbury.

She is greatly loved and missed by many.

BETTY LOU (MASTERS) POL- BSON, 87, of Danbury, died on April 10, 2016 at her home.

She was born in St. Augustine, Florida on June 5, 1928, the daughter of John and Nancy (Mann) Masters. After high school, Betty gradu-



ated from Southern Seminary College in Buena Vista, Virginia and then worked as a secretary for the FBI in Washington, the Concord Bektash Temple, and the State of New Hampshire. Betty lived most recently in Danbury and in St. Augustine.

She was involved with the Garden Club in Florida. Betty liked to read, play bingo and cards, and go to the beach in Florida, Maine, and New Hampshire. She loved animals of all kinds and especially enjoyed her time with friends, living with Robin Overlock.

She married Hector G. Polson from

Littleton in 1955, and he died in 2003. Members of her family surviving include a son and his wife, Gary and Cheryl Polson of Andover; a daughter and her husband, Sandra and Gary Edson of Canada; three grandchildren: Gary, Rebecca, and Heather; a brother and his wife, John and Anne Masters of Hollywood, Florida; and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in Glenwood Cemetery in Littleton on Saturday, May 21, at 1 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Upper Valley Humane Society, 300 Old Route 10, Enfield NH 03748.

To sign an online guestbook, please visit ChadwickFuneralService.com.

George Burdick 1935 • 2015

A memorial for George Burdick will be held on **Friday, May 20**, at the Salisbury Town Hall from 4 to 7 PM.

She is remembered as a wise and generous person, a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Winnie enjoyed making pottery, sewing, collecting coins, and traveling with her husband. She was particularly proud of the log cabin she and her husband built in the woods of Canterbury.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline and Joshua Watkins of Andover; her grandchildren, Emma, William, and Abigail Watkins; a niece, Jennifer Cusick-Danielson; and several cousins.

Visiting hours were held at the Davis Funeral Home in Nashua on April 16, followed by a prayer service and a gathering at her late home. Burial and prayers were held privately on April 18 at the New Hampshire Veteran's Cemetery in Boscaawen.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider a memorial donation to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 304, Chicago IL 60611-3201 or PulmonaryFibrosis.org.

WINIFRED M. (CUSICK) CREED, 70, of Litchfield, died at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack on April 11, 2016 with her husband and daughter at her side. She was born in Boston on January 13, 1946, daughter of the late John and Mary (Stack) Cusick. She was predeceased by her brother, John Cusick Jr.

Winnie was the wife of Robert Creed, with whom she shared over 47 years of marriage. She attended Burdett College and earned a Master's in education from Suffolk College. Winnie was an accountant for Raytheon for 30 years. Following her retirement from Raytheon, she worked at both Nashua High School North and South in the special education department.

MORTON A. HOULE, 84, passed away on April 11, 2016 at The Birches in Concord after a lengthy illness. He was born on July 18, 1931 in Concord to Arthur and Alleen (Dow) Houle.

Mr. Houle grew up in Concord. He attended local schools and graduated from Concord High School in 1950. After high school he joined the Air Force and served for four years in Japan as a radio technician.



After leaving the Air Force in 1954 he settled in Nashua and spent most of his professional career at Sanders Associates (now BAE) in Engineering. He
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attended Lowell Tech and New Hampshire College, where he received a Bachelor's degree in technical management. He retired in 1988 from Sanders after 30 years.

Mr. Houle was predeceased by his first wife, Beth (Goldsmith), after being happily married for 45 years, and by a sister, Sally Walker.

Morton and Beth raised a family in Nashua and ultimately divided their time between New England (Grantham, New Hampshire and Rangeley, Maine) and Florida.

Morton was an accomplished public speaker. He spent many years as an active member of Toastmasters International and acted as president for some time. Mort competed and won several awards for his public speaking throughout his life.

Mort was very athletic throughout his life. He ran track in high school and in the military and continued running into his later years. He enjoyed skiing, biking, and hiking and especially loved playing golf.

Morton married Beverly (Valley) in July of 2004, and they spent their time living between New Hampshire and Florida. They both enjoyed years of active outdoor activities including camping, canoeing, hiking, and skiing.

Morton is survived by his wife Beverly of Andover, as well as his sons, Scott Houle of Nashua and Douglas and his wife (Belinda) Houle of Nashua; his brother Terrance and sister-in-law (Margery) Houle of Chichester; his grandchildren, Lauren and her husband (Taylor) Blume-Webb of Charlestown, Massachusetts, Ryan Houle of Nashua, and Emily Houle of Nashua; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, April 23 at the Bennett Funeral Home in Concord. The family will be greeting friends and relatives from 1 to 3 PM, with a service to follow. Burial will occur at the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made on Morton's behalf to the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of one's choice.

JERRY B. HUNTOON, 79, of North Sutton, died on April 15, 2016, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center surrounded by his family.

He was born in New London on December 4, 1936, the son of William H. Huntoon and Georgia W. (Bradford) Huntoon Bickford.

Jerry was very proud of serving in the US Navy on the USS Sullivan. He lived in Sutton for 55 years and worked for Edmunds Bus Line and AS Little Garage as a mechanic. He also had been employed by Concord Trailways as a bus driver and mechanic, and he retired as a mechanic for Heath and Lull Garage.

He was an active member and former deacon of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sutton, served on the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department, and was a member of the American Legion Post 40. Years ago, he was active with the Boy Scouts.

Jerry loved his gardens, and especially dahlias. He liked golfing, pitching horseshoes, and watching NASCAR racing. He really liked to walk his little dog, Sophie. Jerry formed and worked on a Relay for Life Team to help fight cancer.

He is predeceased by his parents; his daughter, Sherry Huntoon; his grandson, Jesse Stevens; his sister, Marguerite Rowe; and his brother, Steven Huntoon.

Members of his family surviving include his wife of 57 years, Joyce (Carter) Huntoon of Sutton; four children: Susan Johnson of Andover, Carrie Stevens of North Sutton, Pamela Theis of Andover, and William Huntoon of Springfield; nine grandchildren: Peter, Samantha, Jayme, Joe, Nick, Kristina, Corey, and Alicia; nine great-grandchildren; his sister, Sylvia Alexander of Lewisburg, Tennessee; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Friends may call at the Chadwick Funeral Home, 235 Main Street, New London on Thursday, April 21, from 6 to 8 PM. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 23, at 2 PM at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Sutton. Burial will be in North Sutton Cemetery with military honors conducted by the American Legion Post 40

and the US Navy.

Memorial contributions may be made to David's House, PO Box 660, Lebanon NH 03766 or to the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 179, North Sutton NH 03260.

SUSAN HOLLIDGE MCFARLAND, 65, died on April 16, 2016 at her childhood home at the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club in Andover. Susan, a full-time resident of Chocowinity, North Carolina, was being treated for cancer at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon.

Susan was the daughter of Col. Melvin Hollidge of Washington, DC and Alice Armistead Hollidge of Hampton, Virginia. She was born in Boston in 1950.



As the daughter of an Air Force Colonel, she lived in Texas as a young child where she developed an interest in speaking Spanish. After her father's retirement, she lived initially on Cape Cod and then moved to Andover, where her parents permanently settled.

Susan graduated from the Northfield School for girls in Northfield, Massachusetts before attending the University of New Hampshire (UNH), where she graduated with a dual major in Spanish and Political Science.

Following UNH, Susan attended the

Georgetown School of Foreign Service where, in 1976, she earned a Master's Degree in Latin American Studies. As a graduate student at Georgetown, Susan met and subsequently married her husband of almost 40 years, Cliff McFarland.

Susan served as an editor for the Reserve Officer's Association before assuming a position in the Pentagon as an editor for the Military Intelligence Digest, a daily publication produced for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Susan completed her career in the Department of Defense as a Country Analyst for the Defense Intelligence Agency.

After retirement in 2007, Susan and Cliff moved from Lake Ridge, Virginia to the Cypress Landing Community adjacent to the Pamlico River in Chocowinity, North Carolina.

Susan's many interests included hiking, swimming, tennis, and gardening. She was an active participant in the Beaufort County, North Carolina Choral Society and was active in the Washington, North Carolina Animal Rescue League.

Susan's devoted husband Cliff would like to express his heartfelt appreciation to the medical staffs for the wonderful care she received at Beaufort Vidant Hospital; the Marion Shepard Cancer Center in Washington, North Carolina; the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon; and the New London Hospital in New London.

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NHEC Announces 19% Summer Bill Decrease

Costs drop in summer,
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Press release

Driven by a steep decrease in the seasonal cost of power, summer period electric bills will be going down by nearly 19% for most members of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC).

Effective with bills rendered May 1, the Co-op Power portion of members' bills (the cost of actual energy) will decrease by 43%. The result for the typical residential member using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month will be an overall bill decrease of 18.7%, or \$20.61 per month. The typical residential member using 1,000 kWh per month will see a total bill decrease of 21.5%, or \$41.21 per month.

The rate reductions were approved on March 29 by the NHEC Board of Directors and continue an annual pattern of fluctuations that have seen the cost of power increase during the winter months and decrease in summer months. Driving these wide price swings are seasonal variations in the regional wholesale price of natural gas, which is used to generate approximately half of the electricity produced in New England.

Over the past several years, electric

rates during the six-month summer period have been substantially lower than the winter period, when constraints in the region's natural gas pipeline infrastructure have led to price spikes. Natural gas demand increases sharply during the winter months due to its use as a primary heating fuel, which drives up the cost of generating electricity for winter delivery.

"Until natural gas pipeline capacity constraints are addressed in New England, we expect seasonal electric rate variations to continue," said Steve Kaminski, NHEC Vice President of Power Resources and Access. "Looking forward to next winter, though conditions may change, at this time our outlook indicates rates should be lower than this past winter's."

The May 1 rate change is the result of a 43% decrease in the Co-op Power rate, from \$.09504 to \$.05377 per kilowatt hour (kWh), offset slightly by a 0.2% increase in the Regional Access Charge. A complete list of NHEC rates, fees, and charges is available under the Rates and Tariffs menu at NHEC.com.

NHEC is a member-owned electric distribution cooperative serving 84,000 homes and businesses in 115 New Hampshire communities, including Andover. 

NHEC Launches New Programs to Tame Peak Demand

Cutting demand spikes
can lower rates

Press release

In an effort to curb the impact of rising peak period electricity costs in New England, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative (NHEC) is offering its members new incentives to reduce their power consumption when demand for electricity is highest.

Peak demand events occur infrequently, usually during especially hot or cold weather, but they have a disproportionate impact on electric rates. NHEC must pay "capacity cost" to generation and transmission providers for the capacity to deliver peak amounts of electricity, even though that quantity is only needed for approximately 150 hours per year.

If NHEC can reduce the amount of power its members need during peak demand periods, it can reduce rates year-round. Three "Go Beyond the Peak!" programs reward members for curbing their usage during peak demand periods. The programs are:

Peak Plus, where a member has a load control device installed on selected appliances like electric water heaters,

central air conditioning units, window air conditioners, or electric heat. The member gets an incentive for allowing NHEC to control usage of each appliance with a load control device during peak demand periods.

Peak Planner, where a member switches to an on-peak/off-peak rate plan with occasional critical peak rates during the highest demand periods.

Peak Days, where a member enrolls to have alerts sent via text and e-mail notifying them of upcoming peak demand periods so they can voluntarily reduce electric consumption.

Members with net-metered solar photovoltaic systems can participate in Peak Plus and Peak Days, but not Peak Planner.

The ultimate goal of "Go Beyond the Peak!" is to reduce electric rates for all members by reducing peak demands. Complete program information and enrollment are available at GoBeyondThePeak.com.

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Franklin Savings Bank Awards \$21,000 in Grants

Program tops \$855,000
over 19 years

Press release

Ron Magoon, President and COO of Franklin Savings Bank (FSB), announced today that the bank awarded \$21,000 in grants to seven community organizations through the FSB Fund for Community Advancement. This represents the 37th grant period for the Fund, which has awarded 175 awards in excess of \$855,000 since its inception in 1997.

"Our strong ties to the communities we serve has earned us a reputation for being an active corporate citizen," commented Ron Magoon. "As an independent, mutually-owned community bank with deep roots in the towns and cities we are proud to serve, we take the time to learn more about the needs of civic organizations and how we can become a vested partner in the culmination of their projects."

Seven local organizations received grants, including The Friends Program, \$2,000; Granite United Way, \$2,500;

Laconia Area Community Land Trust, \$5,000; Merrimack County Conservation District, \$2,000; New Beginnings, \$2,500; Newfound Pathways, \$3,000; and Voices Against Violence, \$4,000.

The FSB Fund for Community Advancement was established to provide support for projects that will enhance the lives of people in the communities Franklin Savings Bank serves. Eligible organizations are those recognized as 501(c)3 tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code.

The Fund supports a broad range of community activities, such as economic development, affordable housing, education, healthcare, arts and humanities, human services, and programs or services that address the needs of children, adolescents, and single parent families.

The deadline to be considered for the next round of grant funding is July 1. For more information about the FSB Fund for Community Advancement as well as how to apply, please visit FSBnh.com, then select "I Want to Learn More About FSB" – "In the Community." 

ReVision Energy Expects Legislation to Boost Solar Installations

Increased demand for
new systems expected

Press release from ReVision Energy

Solar policy in New Hampshire is now on a more secure foundation. The New Hampshire Senate has passed HB 1116, legislation which increases the statewide net metering cap from 50 to 100 megawatts. Regulators have also been directed to open a proceeding to develop an alternative rate structure for net metering.

The bill is now on its way to Governor Maggie Hassan for her signature, and she has already made her support clear. "Solar is one of many clean energy resources in New Hampshire that contribute to a diverse and reliable energy supply, and businesses and families across the state are utilizing solar to lower their energy bills and to increase their energy independence. The success of New Hampshire's clean energy

economy is creating good-paying, high-quality jobs, spurring economic development, and helping combat climate change, and New Hampshire recently ranked as one of the top five renewable energy states." More than 70 solar companies work throughout the value chain in New Hampshire, which translates into more than 900 jobs statewide.

Until the bill is signed into law, ReVision Energy is accepting new solar contracts and placing those projects on utility wait lists for prompt installation once the Governor signs HB 1116 into law. A rush on demand is expected, and interested customers should contact ReVision Energy as soon as possible.

Existing net metering customers are grandfathered in the policy at a one-to-one retail rate through 2040. More than a dozen studies of the value of solar electricity have found that power exported to the grid is worth more than the retail cost of the electricity. 



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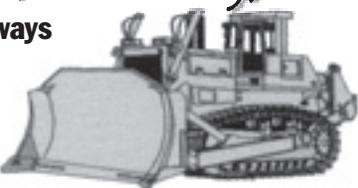
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East Andover Village Preschool: April 2016

Spaces still available for 2016-2017

Lawre Goodnow, EAVP

East Andover Village Preschool is a play-based program, so when the children were recently asked by the Proctor Project Period students and their teacher, Adam Jones, "What do you do at school?", the children exclaimed, "We play!"

How play translates into learning may be a mystery to some people. Through this descriptive snapshot of our recent Pet Shop play, the work of the teachers and the children may be demystified.

Our Pet Shop play lasted for several weeks and emerged during the "free play" portion of the day. The teachers watched as the children became pets, mostly dogs. Others were their owners who strived to keep pets fed and behaving properly. They asked the teachers for materials or improvised with imaginary props.

The teachers talked with one another about their observations and decided to use this interest in animals and pets as a learning opportunity.

The idea of a pet shop was presented to the children during our small-group time. The children were asked the question, "What is a pet?" Through conversation, the teachers found out what the children already know about the subject. Activities and read-aloud stories about the meaning of the words "tame" and "wild" provided opportunities for the topic to be practiced or refined.

The children were thrilled about the idea of the pet shop, so we set to work transforming the dramatic play area. We created a list of animals, the roles people will play, and the items to be sold. Some of the children wrote the list, while others drew pictures. Others collected props such as small blocks to represent food and treats. They even created their own packaging for each type of pet, with pictures and words.

Meanwhile, the teachers brought out a variety of pets (all pretend, of course) for the shop, including a bunny, two hedgehogs, a gecko, several snakes, kittens, and of course puppies, since this is where it all started. Some children worked the cash register, others cared for the pets, while many came as interested customers.

Using art materials, we created a virtual fish tank and a variety of birds. This launched an investigation into the different types of animals. They identified the characteristics of mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles.

Teachers continued to talk with one another about the children's play. The teachers determined ways to incorporate learning of numbers, letters, scientific concepts, and interpersonal skills. Teachers documented individual skills being used and shared them in real time with parents through an online application called Seesaw.

Books, video, and art materials were



Pete the Parrot, pictured here with Freya Grunewald, was a resident of EAVP's Pet Shop and received a lot of love and medical care.

provided to help the children research and create new props as needed. Soon the Fishy Pet Shop included pet grooming and veterinarian services. Children played and learned across all of the educational domains, because the teachers were intentional about offering opportunities that invited their participation in a wide range of skills.

More observing, talking, researching, and play kept the topic alive. Classroom bulletin boards were filled with displays of their work and play in celebration of their efforts. Mr. Rogers, creator of the TV program Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, said simply, "Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning."

In May, parent-teacher conferences will provide the teachers and families time to talk about the growth of each child.

The children and teachers are very grateful to the families who drove us to AE/MS to see the fantastic performance of *Suessical the Musical*. Beyond the wonders of the "big school," the singing, costumes, and meeting of the actors, the children saw a disco ball. That launched us into another chapter of our pet shop saga. More about that, perhaps, another day!

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For your convenience, registration packets and appointment details will be mailed prior to registration day. If you do not receive a packet by April 22, 2016, please call Gail Parenteau, Administrative Assistant at 735-5494.



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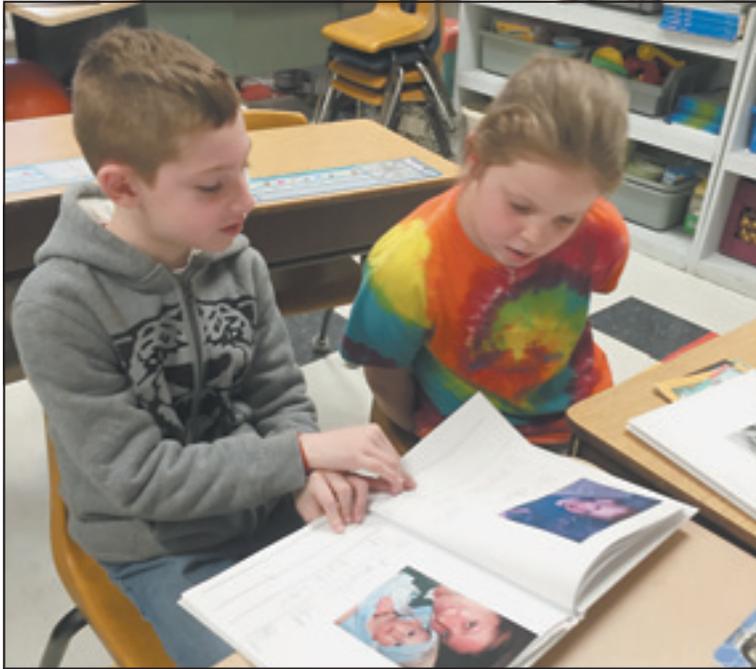
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To finish a study of biography, AE/MS second graders wrote their own autobiographies! It was a family affair, and we are grateful to all parents who helped the children put together their "lifetime of photos" for the project. The hardcover books turned out very well, and you can see them in the school library. Pictured here are Jon Grodin and Billy Caron.

Caption and photo: Gretchen Hildebrand



How many digits of Pi can you memorize and recite? These four students were the Pi Champions for their grade level. Jesse set a new AE/MS record: 110 digits! Jane Slayton is pictured with the 2016 Pi Champions: Oliver Andrews, 107 digits (Grade 3-4); Jesse Niemyer, 110 digits ... a new school record! (Grade 5-6); Caleb Moriarty, 22 digits (Grade 1-2); Riley Keezer, 32 digits (Grade 7-8). Photo: Jen Bent

Community Wellness Walk/Run Event on May 22

5K loop through Proctor campus and trails

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy's Wellness Team will host its fourth annual 5K Trail Run and Wellness Walk on Sunday, May 22, at Proctor's Farrell Field House. The purpose of the race is to promote, enhance, and raise consciousness concerning health and wellness among members of the community.

On-site registration begins at 8 AM, followed by a free children's fun run at 8:45 AM. Free t-shirts are available to the first 200 entrants. The race will begin at 9:15 AM.

The course is a 3.1-mile scenic loop through Proctor's campus and ski area. The course, which has been measured with a wheel, is a fun, challenging trail run. This course might not be suitable for strollers, but it is safe for all ages.

The cost to register is \$12 per runner or walker, or \$30 per family if more

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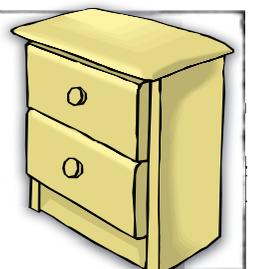
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- Jazlyn Perkins
- Jaimes Southworth

6th Grade High Honors

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- Sasha MacKenzie
- Brynne Makechnie
- Lillian Menard
- Sophia Reynolds
- River Turnbull

7th Grade Honors

- Emily Abrahamson
- Colin Coolidge
- Liam Donovan
- Gavin Harvey

8th Grade High Honors

- Will Furtkamp
- Riley Keezer
- Vienna Marcus
- Garrett Munson

6th Grade Honors

- Adam Barry
- Lilly Carlson
- Bryson Cate
- Fenn Davis
- Anthony Hammond
- Jeremy Johnson
- Wesley Koziol

8th Grade Honors

- Victoria Braley
- Ryelle Jenifer
- Ronan Walsh



The kids at AASP are finally able to go out and play without full winter gear. Abby Bentzler, Lilly Luicha, Cilla Abrahamson, Anya Chadbourne, and Samantha Upton are really enjoying the sunshine!

Caption and photo: Diane Adams

Andover After School Program: April 2016

Registration begins
May 2

Diane Adams, AASP

Spring is finally here! After a cold and snowy start to April, the Andover After School Program (AASP) kids are welcoming the wonderful weather.

We are beginning to register new families into AASP. If you have any interest or questions, feel free to stop in or send me an e-mail.

We will be having a "get to know the staff" gathering with milk and cookies on Thursday, June 2, from 3:30 until 4:30 PM. This will give new families the opportunity to see the program in action and take a tour around the building.

We are sad to announce that Becca Lance is moving on. She has taken on a new endeavor, and we are very proud of her. She was an asset to the After School Program and will be missed by all. We are hopeful she will stop in and visit or maybe substitute from time to

time. We wish her well.

In April, we had an Easter egg hunt and made flowers, umbrellas, and raindrops. "April showers bring May flowers" was the theme of the month. Everyone was glad to put the sleds away and take out the hoola hoops and sidewalk chalk. We have been spending more time outside and enjoying the wonderful weather.

We will begin accepting new families for registration after Monday, May 2. Registration includes filling in the registration form and emergency form. If your child has had their yearly checkup, we also need a copy of this from your doctor. The state requires a medical update from your doctor every two years in order for us to register your child.

Also, the registration fee is due when the paperwork is turned in. The fee is \$30 for one child and \$50 for a family.

Questions or concerns? Contact us at 735-6566 or AndoverKids@gmail.com.

Happy spring, everyone!

Andover Girls Softball Home Opener on May 14

Parade starts at AE/MS
at 8:30 AM

Melissa Thompson
Andover Girls Softball

Andover Girls Softball will have one U6 (under six years old) team, one U8 team, and one U12 team for the upcoming season. Our opening day this year is Saturday, May 14, kicking off with a parade at 8:30 AM, marching from AE/MS to Blackwater Park.

Following the parade will be a ceremony, then at 9 AM it's game time for the U6 team, with U8 to follow at 10 AM and U12 at 11:30 AM. It will be a fun-filled morning of games stretching into the afternoon.

Come support our Andover Girls Softball teams on Opening Day, May 14, and support our concession stand as well.

Here's the game schedule for all three teams. The schedules are subject to change in case of rain. For more information, visit Andover Girls Softball on Facebook.

U6

- April 30 at Franklin 1, 11:15 AM
- May 7 vs LRGS 4, 9 AM

- May 10 vs Franklin 2, 6 PM
- May 14 vs Franklin, 9 AM
- May 21 at LRGS 1, 9 AM
- June 1 vs Franklin 3, 6 PM
- June 7 vs Franklin 1, 6 PM
- June 11 vs LRGS 2, 9 AM

U8

- May 9 vs Franklin 1, 6 PM
- May 10 vs Newfound, 6 PM
- May 12 vs Winnisquam, 6 PM
- May 14 vs LRGS, 10 AM
- May 21 at Franklin 2, 11 AM
- May 31 at Newfound, 6 PM
- June 2 at Winnisquam, 6 PM
- June 7 vs Franklin 2, 6 PM
- June 9 at Franklin, 6 PM
- June 11 at LRGS, 1 PM

U12

- May 4 at Winnisquam 1, 6 PM
- May 9 at Plymouth, 6 PM
- May 11 at Winnisquam, 6 PM
- May 14 vs LRGS, 11:30 AM
- May 16 vs Winnisquam 1, 6 PM
- May 18 vs Franklin, 6 PM
- May 23 at Newfound, 6 PM
- May 25 vs Winnisquam 2, 6 PM
- May 31 at Franklin, 6 PM
- June 1 vs Newfound, 6 PM
- June 6 vs Plymouth, 6 PM
- June 11 at LRGS, 11 AM

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during the week. The power of a single thank you is
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Proctor Academy's Mikala Eacrett '19 works alongside Marianna Shedd during Proctor Academy's Project Period. Photo: Lindsey Allenby

Proctor Students at Work in the Community

Project period lets them give back

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Each spring, Proctor students and faculty join together for a four-day immersion learning program called Project Period, where small groups explore areas totally unique to a typical classroom education.

This year, faculty offerings spanned an astounding 42 different projects. Students went dog sledding in northern Maine, developed business plans and visited start up companies in Boston, served food at a soup kitchen, learned to make a quilt, fabricated a metal video tower for Proctor's athletic fields,

earned Lifesaving and CPR certification or Hunter and Bow Safety Certification, and studied law at the State House. One group learned to play guitar and even recorded a song in Proctor's own recording studio!

For other groups, the local community was their focus. Groups volunteered at the Andover Elementary/Middle School and at East Andover Village Preschool and planned and hosted Proctor's third annual St. Baldrick's event in the Farrell Field House. Project Period is all about relationships: relationships with each other, with the community, and with the content students are learning.



Forty-five shavees posed for a group photo before 12 volunteer barbers began shaving heads at Proctor's third annual St. Baldrick's event to raise money to find cures for childhood cancers. Photo: Lindsey Allenby

St. Baldrick's Event Raises Over \$19,000

Proctor/Andover communities team up to beat child cancers

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

Proctor Academy hosted its third annual St. Baldrick's Foundation Event on March 26 when 45 shavees had their heads shaved by 12 volunteer barbers in order to raise awareness of childhood cancer research and treatment options.

The 45 members of the Andover and Proctor communities joined forces to raise \$19,031.94 (as of mid-April)! Fundraising for the event continues, and if you are interested in joining the cause, please visit StBaldricks.org/events/mypage/10985/2016 for additional information. A huge thank you to all who took part in this event, especially to organizers Chris Young and Tucker Prudden and their Proctor student group!

To see more photos from the event, visit [Flickr.com/photos/proctoracademy/albums/72157666307997891](https://www.flickr.com/photos/proctoracademy/albums/72157666307997891).



Proctor Academy's new Dining Commons will be the greenest building ever constructed on the campus. Photo: Jim Cox

New Proctor Dining Hall Shaping Up for Fall Opening

Will be the greenest building on campus

Scott Allenby, Proctor Academy

The new Proctor Academy dining hall is starting to really take shape (literally and figuratively) along Main Street across from Carr Field. For those in the community who have been wondering about the new building, here are a few fun facts.

The Proctor Dining Commons will be Proctor's greenest building constructed to date and will:

- Include 16,100 square feet of kitchen, servery, dining, meeting, and support spaces
- Be Net Zero Ready
- Encompass rain gardens to elimi-

nate adding water to an older drainage system

- Incorporate low- and zero-VOC emitting materials used in construction
 - Include skylights to allow for natural lighting
 - Utilize more than 40 geothermal wells for a heating/cooling system
 - Use all-electrical kitchen equipment, eliminating use of fossil fuels. (All of Proctor's electrical energy is either produced through solar or is purchased from renewable energy sources.)
 - Allow for separate metering capability to monitor energy consumption
- The facility is scheduled to be online for the start of the 2016-2017 school year.



Have you ever wondered what to do with your crayons when they get very small? Have you ever wanted to have one multi-colored crayon? Three curious students and one curious art teacher spend an afternoon exploring these questions. Anna Warzocha, Hannah Churchill, and Ollie Grotnes worked with Ms. Minnehan to explore the art of melting crayons to make ... crayons!

Photo: Jen Bent